

General Secretary's Report

Thank you to Adrian Nash for his diligent work as General Secretary prior to me volunteering for the position and commencing in November 2020.

It goes without saying that the last year has been very strange indeed and it leaves very little to report upon from a Guild Secretary's perspective. Along with the awful news of such suffering for so long it has been wonderful to experience the incredible fellowship we share with one another as members of our bellringing communities. Getting through the last year in good humour in the main has been in a large part possible due to the love and support shown by my bellringing friends who thanks to RingingRoom now include ringers across the UK, USA, Canada and Australia too. I am very thankful that while the physical art that brought us together has largely been on hold we have continued to support each other.

I am very thankful for the other Guild officers in their support as I have learned the ropes. We have had some ad hoc meetings of the officers since I joined the team including helping with the transition of the members of the Guild who reside in the Channel Islands and of course doing what we can to plan for our members being able to resume the art that we love.

I'm very much looking forward to seeing many of you ringing with gusto again and while it will take some of our members more than others to get back into the swing of things we will get back to joyously celebrating the fellowship of our Church and calling people to worship again.

Steve Lamb
General Secretary Officer

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

CENTRAL FUND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

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 2020.

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

	2020	2019
Alton & Petersfield	659.75	£672.70
Andover	543.20	£580.65
Basingstoke	864.50	£795.55
Channel Islands	222.25	£530.50
Christchurch & Southampton	912.45	£888.65
Isle of Wight	545.65	£598.50
Portsmouth	883.40	£872.55
Winchester	1166.20	£1184.05
	£5797.40	£5826.15

As a result of COVID19 and the impact this had on ringing in 2020, the General Fund balance has increased by £2425.10. The balance of the Training and Development Fund also increased by £158.40.

Balances held are considered to be sufficient for foreseeable needs.

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

	2020	2019
Central Fund:		
General Fund	5,736.96	3,311.86
Training and Development Fund	1,277.02	1,118.62
Central Reserve Fund	8,166.17	8,102.35
	15,180.15	12,532.83
Districts	28,249.34	25,564.57
Sub Committees	1,089.94	1,582.98
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	£44,519.43	£ 39,680.38
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H Woolford
Treasurer
12th March 2021

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

CENTRAL FUND

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER 2020

	General Fund	Training & Development Fund	Total	2019 Total
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£
Fund brought forward at 1st January 2019	3311.86	1118.62	4430.48	4397.35
Excess income for the year	2425.10	158.40	2583.50	33.13
Transfer to Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	5736.96	1277.02	7013.98	4430.48

Represented by:

ASSETS

Guild simulator	1.00		1.00	1.00
Belfry Stewardship Committee lifting gear	1.00		1.00	1.00
Stock of badges and certificates	365.00		365.00	383.00
Debtors	67.00	31.40	98.40	352.50
Prepaid insurances	65.75		65.75	63.19
Balance at bank	5237.21	1245.62	6482.83	3629.79
	5736.96	1277.02	7013.98	4430.48

Less LIABILITIES

Sundry creditors	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	5736.96	1277.02	7013.92	4430.48

H Woolford
Guild Treasurer
12th March 2021

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS
CENTRAL FUND
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st DECEMBER 2020

	2020					2019
	General Fund		Training & Development Fund		Total	Total
	£	p	£	p	£	£
INCOME						
Due from districts	£5,797.40				£5,797.40	£5,826.15
Sales of badges and certificates	£0.00				£0.00	£24.00
Advertisements in Guild Report	£126.00				£126.00	£105.00
Sales of sweatshirts and polo shirts	£0.00				£0.00	£1,103.60
Peal fees	£67.00				£67.00	£237.00
Donations to WW1 project	£0.00				£0.00	£271.76
Other donations			£31.40		£31.40	£131.00
200 Club			£127.00		£127.00	£166.00
	<u>£5,990.40</u>		<u>£158.40</u>		<u>£6,148.80</u>	<u>£7,864.51</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Guild Report	£638.00				£642.00	
Insurances - public liability	£1,801.01				£1,756.01	
All Risks	£609.46				£579.34	
hand bells	£88.46				£87.66	
Central Council affiliation fees	£200.00				£200.00	
Central Council reps' expenses						
Master's and Vice-master's expenses	£0.00				£404.90	
Guild Librarian account	£0.00				£500.00	
Belfry Stewardship Committee expenses	£0.00				£0.00	
Public relation officer's expenses	£0.00				£386.20	
WW1 project	£0.00				£1,749.13	
Meeting expenses	£67.18				£227.00	
Striking competitions	£0.00				£84.98	
Communications committee and website expenses	£100.00				£100.00	
Secretarial and administrative expenses	£43.19					
Contribution to expenses - Young Ringers' Striking Competition					£225.00	
Cost of sales - badges and certificates	£18.00				£36.50	
Cost of sales of sweatshirts and polo shirts	<u>0</u>				<u>852.66</u>	
	<u>£3,565.30</u>		<u>£0.00</u>		<u>£3,565.30</u>	<u>£7,831.38</u>
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u><u>£2,425.10</u></u>		<u><u>£158.40</u></u>		<u><u>£2,583.50</u></u>	<u>£33.13</u>

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS
CENTRAL FUND
RESERVE ACCOUNT - Year ended 31st DECEMBER 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	£ p	£ p
Bank interest received	£63.82	£80.28
Transfer from Central Fund	£0.00	£0.00
Balance at 1st January 2020	£8,102.35	£8,022.07
Balance at 31st December 2020	<u>£8,166.17</u>	<u>£8,102.35</u>

H Woolford
Guild Treasurer
12th March 2021

Peal Recorders Report 2021

As with all facets of ringing, peal ringing activities were largely curtailed after mid-March due to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, determined handbell ringers made use of gardens and appropriate weather proofing when restrictions allowed so limited peal ringing continued through 2020 with only April and May seeing no peals rung. A total of 48 peals were rung for the Guild and due to the extraordinary circumstances I make no comparisons with the Guild's peal ringing history. I joked last year that this year would be a somewhat easier report to write but this wasn't quite what I had in mind.

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 and the easiest way to achieve this is submitting the figures to BellBoard. 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.

Towers Bell Peals

20 Tower Bell Peals were rung during 2020, the last being on 9 March, and 7 of these were in a week in February for the annual St Agatha's peal festival. It will be no surprise, therefore, that St Agatha, Portsmouth was the leading tower during 2020 and those ringers and conductors involved with this feature heavily on the prolific lists.

1 member rang their first peal for the W&P during 2020 and the Guild Officers would like to extend their congratulations to Derek Stewart. There were a small number of other personal milestones reached with Steve Russ achieving his 550th peal and 200th for the Guild.

The first peal on the newly augmented ring of 6 at Northington was scored in March, just before ringing was curtailed.

In January a peal was rung at Godshill in thanksgiving for the live of Peter Smith, President of the Isle of Wight District.

A peal was rung at Bishopstoke in February as a compliment to Roger Savory, Guild Master 1968-1977, on his 90th Birthday. Sadly Roger passed away one month later in USA where he had lived for many years.

Ringers		Conductors		Towers	
Benjamin J Carey	11	Benjamin J Carey	6	Portsmouth, St Agatha	8
James W G Twiney	10	Roy LeMarechal	6	Bishopstoke, St Mary	2
John A Dodd	9	James W G Twiney	2	Hursley	2
E C Gareth Higgs	9	6 conductors	1	8 towers	1
7 ringers	5-8				
17 ringers	2-4				
33 ringers	1				
Total Ringers	61	Total conductors	9	Total Towers	1

Minor	7	Major	9	Caters	2
5m	1	Superlative S	2	Grandsire	2
5m P	1	Bristol S	1		
7m	1	Cambridge S	1	Royal	1
7m S	1	Chigwell Row S#	1	Yorkshire S	1
8m	1	Darracott D	1		
9m	1	HelionsBumpstead S#	1	Maximus	1
Plain B	1	Virginstow S#	1	Bristol S	1
		Yorkshire S	1		

(# first for the Guild)

There is also one late peal to report, Yorkshire Surprise Royal rung at Carisbrooke on 21 December 2003 which was published in the Ringing World in November 2004 but has never appeared in the Guild Records. This will be recorded as peal 9658a as per precedence for such occasions. My thanks go to Tony Smith for bringing this to my attention.

Handbell Peals

28 Handbell Peals were rung for the Guild during 2020. Gareth Higgs rang his 1000th peal in a handbell peal of Plain Bob Major at The Clock House Awbridge in September and I offer my congratulations for achieving this milestone. John Croft also rang his 1000th peal for the Guild in a peal at Jubilee, New Alresford in January.

The first peal for the Guild following the first national lockdown was at The Clock House Awbridge in June. Members of the Bishopstoke local band scored a peal of Plain Bob Minor in hand rung socially distanced in the garden.

A handbell peal was also rung at Awbridge in September in memory of Geoff Dodd of Highclere.

A peal of 23 Spliced Surprise Major was rung in hand at Little Creed Cottage Bosham, W Sussex. This is now the most Spliced Surprised Major methods for the Guild in hand. Similarly, the record length of Surprise Major in hand was also broken twice within 5 weeks. 6272 Superlative Surprise Major was rung for the Guild in Campton, Beds on 3 November and 7360 Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung also at Bosham on 5 December.

Ringers		Conductors		Venues	
Maureen J Hanney	16	Frank R Morton	13	New Alresford, Jubilee	11
Ian Redway	14	John S Croft	8	Awbridge, The Clock House	10
Frank R Morton	13	Benjamin J Carey	4	Bosham, Little Creed Cottage	4
John S Croft	12	Roy LeMarechal	2	Micheldever, 37 Northbrook	2
John A Dodd	11	William S Croft	1	Campton, Beds, 17 Gravenhurst Road	1
5 ringers	5-10				
3 ringers	2-4				
6 ringers	1				
Total Ringers	19	Total Conductors	5	Total Venues	5

Minor	2	Spliced P (10m)	1
Plain B	2	Spliced P (11m)	1
		Spliced P (13m)	1
Major	24	Spliced P (16m)	1
Plain B	10	Spliced S (23m)#	1
Kent TB	3	Superlative S	1
Yorkshire S	2		
Bristol S	1	Royal	2
Spliced P (4m)	1	Lincolnshire S	1
Spliced P (9m)	1	Plain B	1

(# first for the Guild in hand)

Edd Colliss

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.

It will come as no surprise that, last year of all years, I have been able to achieve very little – as I reflected in the statement of accounts hereunder. The only substantial achievement has been the acquisition by gift of a run of handsomely-bound *Ringling Worlds*, 1961 and 1963-2012 from Jenny Elmes, widow of Graham Elmes. As diligent readers of my reports will be aware, this run largely duplicates Ann Strong's gift of her late husband David's run, to the Guild Library, bound in loose-leaf binders. The ideal solution would be to house the latter sequence somewhere in the south of our Guild (or even the Channel Islands), to provide access to the *Ringling World* in hard copy so as to spare potential readers the need to travel to Winchester; but that outcome, despite some enquiries, has yet to materialise.

Aside from the above, my activities have been confined largely to assisting Colin Turner in his researches to flesh out Guild entries on Andrew Craddock's PealBase database.

The Guild's online archive has the minutes of the Guild Annual Meetings, 1973-2020, Executive Committee Meetings, 1980-2020, a huge collection of District Reports and a collection of historical articles from *The Ringling World* about Guild people, places and events. Accessible from the Guild website, these are housed at www.methods.org. Originally created by Tony Smith to provide online access to methods and Central Council method decisions, the site has subsequently been expanded to include a vast amount of archival material from the Guild, the Central Council and other national bodies. The site is maintained by Tony Smith: I am absolutely in awe of the range of material Tony has amassed, and I commend the site to your attention.

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 2020

Income	£	p	Expenditure	£	p
Balance b/f	97.38		Sub. to The Ringing World	85.00	
			Sub. To the Friends of the CC Library	10.00	
			Balance c/f	<u>2.38</u>	
	97.38			97.38	
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Bruce Purvis
13th March 2021

Public Relations Officer Report

The year proved challenging for us all and for a Public Relations Officer it was no different! Covid and the related restrictions gave me opportunities as well as the inevitable frustrations. It is always good to reflect on how we might all raise the profile of the Guild and its ringing and to identify any specific needs of the church, especially considering the Mission Statement of each Diocese; much of this happens naturally by ringers locally already.

I have been discussing ways I might be able to help the Guild Officers, the Committees and the Districts. Continuing to work closely with the Communications Committee is vital and rewarding and a review of the website is high on our list of Things to Do. The website not only provides information for members and out of area visitors but is one of our Windows to the World for folk who might be looking to learn to ring. I am a member of the Belfry Stewardship Committee and I hope to support its work in my P.R.O. capacity. It is likely there will be some significant changes to church use, maybe closures even, over the next decade. We will try to be supportive in an appropriate way where bells are involved and there might well be some good opportunities.

All of us have been considering the opening up of ringing and how it is likely to be a gradual process rather than a Festival situation. It could be that ringers will come back to ringing at different times. When restrictions are lifted, will there be Public Relations opportunities sooner for some groups than for others? All matters to consider, be aware of and react to when the time is right. There is a wealth of information and support for so many aspects of our ringing world available to us, including material for the promotion of ringing and to assist with recruitment and public relations matters. Just to remind everyone, we have a good supply of the popular and colourful 'Bell ringing is Fun' fliers ready to use. I have always believed, and encouraged the view, that one size does not fit all - what might work well or be very helpful for one ringer, tower or District might be of no value to another. We can all consider what is on offer, use it if we want to and, if it's not what we need, then certainly encourage others who might well find it supportive. Local leadership and actions are important and very effective, and I will be very pleased to continue offering support to ringers, towers and Districts.

Positive liaison with the two Dioceses has been ongoing even though the Diocesan resources have been stretched; we were sensitive to it. A short clip on the Central Council's website (8 May 2020), explaining the effects of the Covid restrictions on our ringing and answering the community's questions about why we had been unable to ring in support of Key Workers, was sent to the Dioceses and circulated accordingly. We have continued to receive support and I have seen some pro-active P.R. work on our behalf. The Dioceses' Communication personnel kindly research the websites of our Guild and the Central Council from time to time. The Portsmouth Diocese picked up and used the V.E. Day Podcast hosted by Cathy Booth and subsequently asked me for details of

ringing that was able to take place to commemorate the 75th anniversary of V.J. Day. I gladly gave the details, including the tolling at Bramshott that had been part of the national event 'The Cry for Peace'. I updated both Dioceses regarding the Guild's latest Action Plan (2019-2022), the WW1 Centenary Commemoration project's digital archive resource and shared our excitement that three Young Ringers bands were in the starting blocks for the RWNYC 2020 - Channel Island Pirates, Vectis Youths and W & P Youths (unfortunately the contest was unable to go ahead). There was interest in what tower ringing was taking place, Covid safe, and I passed on the towers' feedback I had received, including the use of Ellacombe Chiming Apparatus. I explained those chime mechanisms, their history and mentioned the potential worldwide celebration of the 200th anniversary of Ellacombe's invention of the apparatus on 26 June 2021. We had discussions about ringers reaching out even more to their churches and communities by using audio recordings as part of online worship; it was much encouraged. Also received very well was the suggestion of offering bell recordings to local Hospital Radio stations and not only for the Covid period.

Working with the media is always interesting with the often 'By tomorrow, please' deadlines in place. Generally this works well but, with these time pressures, using photographs can be challenging as permission needs to be sought or regained. Then the media contacts sometimes use material from their own library and it does not always accurately reflect the actual event. I had an initial discussion with Central Council with a view to having an easily accessible group of photos ready to use at short notice for Press Releases and for advertising events such as Open Days. Nothing was available but I hope to receive an update and we will consider further within the Guild.

Viv Nobbs
Public Relations Officer

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

REPORT on 2020 for GUILD EXECUTIVE

In common with many other organisations, 2020 was a necessarily quiet year for the Education Committee. The course that we had planned for April was cancelled, with the country in lockdown due to coronavirus. By the end of 2020, there had been no opportunities to bring together ringers to run any educational events.

Roger Booth kindly offered to run some Zoom / Ringing Room sessions to provide an on-line experience for ringers missing communal ringing activity. There was a fair amount of interest, and those who attended were pleased with the format and outcome. Thank you very much to Roger for taking the time to arrange these events.

As we move into 2021 in another lockdown, Roger has continued to arrange on-line webinars, with courses in the early part of the year covering listening skills and learning methods. Let's hope that we can get back into towers this year to put some of the theory into practice. Once it becomes clear how and when ringing can resume, the Education Committee will start to plan events for late 2021 and 2022.

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 2020 end-of-year figure is very similar to 2019, with the only income being fees paid for the planned course in April, and the refund of those fees after the course had to be cancelled. 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 2020

Income		Expenditure	
	2020		2020
Balance brought forward	667.89	Hire of Halls	108.00
Course fees received	108.00	Course fees refund	60.00
Hall Hall hire refunded	108.00	Balance carried forward	715.89
	£883.89		£883.89

David Mattingley
31 December 2020

Striking competition report 2020

Unfortunately the covid pandemic resulted in the cancellation of all Guild striking competitions in 2020.

The 6 Bell Inter-Tower competition was planned to be held at Fawley and the 8 bell inter-tower competition at Eling.

The Inter district 8 bell competition was to have been held in the Petersfield area of the A&P district.

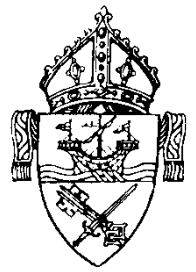
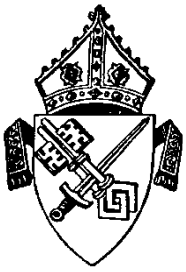
These will now be held over for consideration in 2021 although that is also looking doubtful at the moment.

My thanks to all who helped organise the towers.

Financial report

Income		Expenditure	
Balance b/f	£0	Balance c/f	£0
	£0		£0

Pete Jordan
Striking Competition Convenor.



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 2021

Whilst the past year has restricted much of our lives, by and large the bell hangers have managed to carry on working.

The Committee have therefore had four towers to inspect following overhauls.

All Saints, Odiham - Insertion of a supporting RSJ beam under bell frame to support partially decayed oak beam and insertion of vertical galvanised steel tie-rods to improve rigidity of bell frame. Also, general repairs to the bells including, fitment of three new clappers, reprofile three other clappers, two new pulleys, Relocation of bells two and five to improve rope fall, new stay to bell two, new slider to bell 4 and new resin internal and external resin pads to bells two to five. Installation of rope guides in ringing room. (August 2020)

St Michael's, Basingstoke - The re-bushing and overhauling all eight clappers, and fitment of twiddle pins to headstocks. (September 2020)

St Peter & St Paul, Hambledon – Bell no. 2 removed and taken for specialist crack welding. New gudgeons fitted to all headstocks and new clapper bearings to all clappers. All rebuilt with new resin pads etc. (December 2020)

St Mary's, Silchester - Removal of all bells and tune bell no 2. Tighten all frame fixings and install new bearing plates. Prepare and paint frame. Refit bells with new headstocks, bearings, and resin pads. Re-rim wheels and fit new angle braces. Install new clappers with new bushes and adjuster pins. Fit new sliders, stays, runner boards and pulleys. Install new ceiling bosses, rope guides and bell ropes with pre-stretched terylene tops. (December 2020)

There have been some changes to the committee. The existing members of John Pereira, Mark Warner and myself, Martin Barnes have been joined by Viv Nobbs, Roger Booth and Roger Barber. It is planned that with this extra resource the Bell Stock Survey can be brought up to date, which will be a vital resource in the projection of foreseeable belfry repairs and overhauls and therefore assist in the financial planning of project grants in the future.

Martin Barnes



Belfry Stewardship Committee Secretary/Convener

Communications report

The brief of the communications committee is to enhance communication within the Guild by maintaining and developing the Guild website as a hub of news and information, maintain and develop the e-mail lists and social media presence and connect to the wider bell-ringing community.

The pandemic has highlighted the need to improve communications with the Guild. The old system of cascading information down via posters to place on tower notice boards did not work well beforehand, and not at all during the pandemic. Like many other areas of life, the pandemic has given us the opportunity to look critically at what we do and accelerate change, before it is forced on us.

Membership and communications Database

In November 2019, the Guild adopted a GDPR compliant privacy policy. Since then we have been asking members to sign up to the Guild membership database, which is held on a secure server, and to which only authorised officers have access. Since June 2020 we have also started sending out quarterly Guild newsletters using the Mailchimp communications system, to those subscribed to the database. Training has been offered to District Officers, who can also use the system to send out communications to their District.

Later this year we will be adding additional functionality, so that members can subscribe to various 'interest groups', and only receive communications which match their interests. For example, those interested in surprise practices could receive communications about forthcoming surprise practices in their District (and any other neighbouring Districts that they add). However, they would not receive communications aimed at those learning to plain hunt - unless this was one of their interests - or vice versa.

We now have over a third of the Guild membership signed up. However, whilst in some Districts this is now over 50% of their members, others have 25% or less, lowering the overall percentage. When we collect subscriptions at the beginning of 2022, it will be a good opportunity to ensure that the majority of members subscribe, but in the mean-time please encourage anyone who has not already done so to visit the Guild website and download the latest Guild newsletter. This contains a link to enable them to subscribe to the database.

We do appreciate that some members may not have computers or may not be all that familiar with them. We do not wish to disenfranchise these members and still ask that District secretaries and tower correspondents pass on such communications to the members using traditional means.

Website

The website serves a different function, and Google analytics shows that it is not something that members view regularly. The website has also become cluttered, some members commenting that it has become difficult to navigate. Therefore, our plans for 2022 include a strategic review, critically examining the purpose of the website, redesigning the navigation and removing out of date and rarely accessed content.

e-mail lists and social media

Social media has its place, but is only part of our communications strategy. Win-Port has 210 subscribers. This was transferred from Yahoo groups to Google groups in early 2021, and we found a significant proportion of subscribers are either obsolete addresses, or duplicates, so the real number of members reached is probably less than 180. Similarly, our Guild Facebook group has 308 subscribers, and our Twitter account has 371 followers, but in both cases many of these people are members of Win-Port or live outside the Guild.

Together these three social media platforms probably reach less than 20% of the Guild membership. The issue is how to reach a far greater proportion. It's not that these members are not interested. We have found that the communications database has reached many who were previously not actively engaged, and who have then gone on to attend the webinars and virtual ringing events advertised in the newsletters.

Strategic communications review

The ability to reach a far greater proportion of the membership, will be critical in aiding our recovery after the pandemic. There will also be a need to attract far more young people, so it is important that our communication channels are straightforward and give the right impression.

Some Districts have their own Facebook and Google groups, and whilst some are active, others are rarely used. The Guild website also circulates 'Weekly news' posts to these District groups, but even before Covid, there was limited fresh content, so weekly news became infrequent.

Some Districts also have their own Communications Officer, Webmaster, or Publicity Officer, but some have none. We also recognise that different users will want different content, and few will want to receive everything. Therefore, this spring, before we return to our towers will be consult with District and Guild officers and undertake a strategic review to look at the website, social media and communications tools, to see how these can be made to fit better together, and help with addressing the challenges of the new normal.

We will also be looking at how we can ensure that there is at least one person in each District who can help with District and Guild Communications. Offers of help with any facet are always welcome.

Roger Booth

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

**BELL RESTORATION FUND
(A Registered Charity No 264606)**

ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

**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 2020

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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 2020 were:

Miss H Woolford, (Honorary Guild Treasurer)
Mr A Nash (Honorary Guild Secretary) until 26.09.2020
Mr S Lamb (Honorary Guild Secretary) from 21.11.2020
Rev Canon B J Fry (Winchester Diocese area)
Mr D Mattingley (Portsmouth Diocese area)
Mr P Jordan (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 2020 remained steady.

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

Sylvia Dodd (in Memory of Geoffrey Dodd)	£55	Catherington	£100
St Nicolas, North Stoneham	£300	Ringwood	£ 60

One grant was approved during the year:

St Peter and St Paul, Hambledon	£ 3,000.00
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020 (Cont')

Five grants were released during the year:

St Mary the Virgin, Silchester	£ 2,000.00
St Peter's, Over Wallop	£ 1,800.00
All Saints, Odiham,	£ 2,300.00
St Michael's, Basingstoke	£ 450.00
St Peter and St Paul, Hambledon	£ 3,000.00

The Trustees regularly review the level of reserves and wish to encourage use of the available funds. They have been advised of two further applications for consideration early in 2021.

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 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

20th March 2021

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020**

	Note	2020 £ p	2019 £ p
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE			
Incoming Resources			
Subscriptions and donations	3a	2,995.00	3,292.20
- Correction to prior year overstated		(184.68)	0.00
Gift Aided donations		365.00	549.68
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid (including repayment supplement)		91.93	91.39
Investment income	3b	439.12	702.49
Peal fees		67.00	237
Total incoming resources		3,958.05	4,872.76
Resources Expended			
Direct charitable expenditure			
Grants approved	4	3,000.00	12,450.00
Total resources expended		3,000.00	12,450.00
Net Incoming (Outgoing) Resources		958.05	(7,577.24)
Fund balances brought forward at 1st January		65,683.79	73,261.79
Fund balances carried forward at 31st December		£66,641.84	£65,683.79

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 £ p	2019 £ p
Currents Assets			
Debtors	5	2,706.25	3,294.40
Short Term Deposits			
- Central Board of Finance Deposit Fund		70,086.61	69,790.27
- TSB Bank plc - Deposit account		13,499.49	18,356.71
Cash at Bank			
- TSB Bank plc		3,164.81	3,792.41
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		89,457.16	95,233.79
Creditors			
amounts falling due within one year	6	10,000.00	12,050.00
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Net Current Assets		79,457.16	83,183.79
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Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		79,457.16	83,183.79
Creditors			
amounts falling due after more than one year	7	13,000.00	17,500.00
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Net Assets		£66,457.16	£65,683.79
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Funds			
Unrestricted		£66,457.16	£65,683.79
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Approved by the Fund Trustees on 20th March 2021 and signed on its behalf by

Trustee

Trustee

The notes on the following pages form part of these accounts