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# 2013 Central Council Supplement

The Central Council President, Kate Flavell, with her dinner guests at the 2012 Council Meeting in Chester

*(l-r): Julie Knight (Lady Mayoress), Stefan Zientek (Master of the Chester D.G.), Cllr Pamela Booher (Mayor of Chester), Paul Flavell, Kate Flavell (President of the Central Council), Chris Mew (Vice President), Ann Mew, Julie Zientek, Rt Revd Dr Peter Foster (Bishop of Chester), Derek Harbottle (CC Treasurer), Lizbeth Harbottle and Peter Wilkinson* – See the President's message overleaf

Photo by Robert Lewis

# From the President

2012 was an amazing year for ringing, with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympics to celebrate. Both events caught the imagination of the whole country (and beyond) and created celebratory ringing opportunities everywhere. As usual ringers were quick to respond in imaginative ways. The Council was deeply involved with the *New Music 20x12* project, which saw the creation of Five Rings Triples and its performance with the other 19 pieces of new music at the Southbank Centre in London, among other places. *Five Rings Triples* opened Radio 3's broadcasting at midnight for both 2012 and 2013. As a result of all the volunteer effort by Council members and others a small financial surplus was also generated by this project.

Another of our successes during the year was the launch of *Dove 10*, coupled with the continuing management of *Dove* online. This is a great service to ringers, who have come to rely on the accuracy and easy availability of the online information as well as enjoying owning the book. Many Council members and others are responsible for contributing on an ongoing basis to this success and we are all very grateful to them.

The creation of the Great War Roll of Honour Book II, paid for by subscriptions from ringers, is a great credit to the Steward of the Rolls and I am very much looking forward to seeing it in Guildford. With the centenary of the outbreak of WWI almost upon us the timing is superb. We will be able to join in the national commemorations in an appropriate way, perhaps referring to the rolls (also available online) to remember those from our own towers, counties or countries who gave their lives.

The Redundant Bells Committee organised a successful forum with the Churches' Conservation Trust and the Church Buildings Council and others. The aim was to try to see what can be done to permit bells and bell frames to be removed from churches to be closed to churches in use or other appropriate places much earlier in the procedures – rather than at the last minute when it is impractical. The results of the forum were very encouraging, particularly the sympathy of the Church institutions to ringers and the problem the ringers have identified.

The Library Committee held a successful Outreach Day early in 2013. This is another fine example of the Council contacting ringers interested in specific topics covered by that Committee, and I believe that these events help ringers everywhere to become more familiar with the Council's important work.

We have been pleased to be able to facilitate the raising of money from UK ringers to help the ringers of Christchurch New Zealand following the destruction of their tower by earthquake. We very much look forward to learning how they wish that money to be used, when they have had time to recover a little more from such a terrible tragedy and plans become clearer. And I was so very happy to hear that things are now starting to get back to normal in Harare. The Central Council is an international body and when ringers or bells are hurt anywhere in the World we are all hurt and want to help.

Arising from the 2011 Wellesbourne conference "Change Ringing for the Future", the Vice-President convened a forum to examine recruitment and training. Its members are drawn from a broad spectrum of stakeholders in the future of Exercise and it has been working hard this past year on this most important of topics. I am very pleased that there will be an opportunity during our meeting to hear how they are progressing and for all Council members to contribute to their ongoing work. This is just one example of work where several committees (and others) have worked together in an area that encompasses the remits of more than one committee. I am delighted to see this sort of joined-up working taking place much more frequently.

These are just a very few of our successes in the past year. There are many more, covered in the detailed committee and stewards' reports. Please read them and learn more about what the Council does for ringers everywhere, and perhaps identify how you might like to help us achieve many more successes in the future.

KATE FLAVELL

April 2013

# The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

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The third session of the 41st Council (116th Annual Meeting) will be held on Monday 27 May 2013 in the United Reformed Church, Portsmouth Road, Guildford, starting at 9.30 a.m. It will be preceded by a Corporate Communion Service at 8.30 a.m. in St Mary's Church, Quarry Street, Guildford.

Will members please sign the roll and be in their seats by 9.20 a.m. – the roll will also invite you to sign in as a member of The Ringing World Limited.

The morning session will be adjourned at 12.30 p.m.; at 1.45 p.m. the Annual Meeting of The Ringing World Limited will be held; the afternoon session will resume after that Meeting.

## AGENDA

1. Opening prayer.
2. Report of the Honorary Secretary as to the representation of societies and subscriptions.
3. Application to affiliate: Barrow & District Society.
4. Welcome to new members.
5. Apologies for absence.
6. Loss of members through death.
7. Minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting *(p.426)*.
8. Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
9. Annual Report of the Council *(p.431)*.
10. Accounts for 2012 *(p.433)*.
11. Election of Additional Members:
    Stella Bianco, Roger Booth and Robert Cooles retire. The following nominations have been received; in accordance with Rule 6(ii), supporting statements for the candidates are given in Appendix A (*p.425*) of this Agenda:

| *Nominee* | *Proposer* | *Seconder* |
|---|---|---|
| Stella Bianco | Alan Glover | Alan Baldock |
| Roger Booth | Brian Meads | Pip Penney |
| Robert Cooles | John Baldwin | Jeremy Cheesman |

12. Motions:

(A) *That the subscription be increased to £30 per representative member from 1st January 2014.*
Proposed on behalf of the Administrative Committee by Derek Harbottle (Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), seconded by Mary Bone (Ex-officio).

[Explanatory note: The subscription is currently £25 per representative member and this has been the amount since 1st January 2012. This provides income to the General Fund of £5,000. At the Council meeting at Hereford in 2011, it was stated that the Administrative Committee would review the level of the subscription rate on a regular basis, enabling a more frequent but smaller rate of increase. The Administrative Committee reviewed the level of subscriptions at the meetings in March 2012 and March 2013.

The affiliation subscriptions are intended to cover the cost of the conducting the business of the Council. The cost of the Council's meeting venues has steadily increased and together with other costs of the annual meeting and committee expenses amounted to £6,351 in 2012 and £6,057 in 2011. Notwithstanding the result of a small surplus on the General Fund in 2012, due to a further grant in respect of the New Music 20x12 project, there is an underlying deficit of the Council's costs exceeding the affiliation subscriptions. There is considerable work planned by committees and costs of travel and the hire of meeting venues are increasing. The Administrative Committee also intend to revisit the basis of levying the affiliation subscription to associations and consider the longer term requirements.

This proposal will provide an additional £1,000 income to the General Fund.]

(B) *That Rule 16(xv) (Terms of Reference of the Ringing Trends Committee) be replaced by the following:*
To identify, evaluate and record trends of relevance to church bell ringing for the purposes of guiding Council policy.
Proposed on behalf of the Ringing Trends Committee by Alison Hodge (Worcestershire & Districts Association), seconded by Elva Ainsworth (Additional Member).

(C) *That Rule 16 (vi) (Terms of Reference of the Compositions Committee) be replaced by the following:*
To promote the art of composition and to encourage aspiring composers; to encourage innovative ideas in composition and facilitate publication of articles and reviews promoting the art of composition; to maintain an on-line representative collection of peal and quarter peal compositions and prepare for publication such collections as the Council shall direct; to select, check and prepare relevant articles for publication in *The Ringing World*.
Proposed on behalf of the Compositions Committee by Paul Flavell (Surrey Association), seconded by Richard Allton (Ancient Society of College Youths).

(D) *That Rule 16 (xiv) (Terms of Reference of the Ringing Centres Committee) be replaced by the following:*
To promote, support and provide information, and appropriate recognition to all groupings where two or more bands work together to recruit and train ringers, and to encourage more local bands to do likewise. Such groupings to include Ringing Centres, Teaching Centres, ART Centres and young ringers groups.

Proposed on behalf of the Ringing Centres Committee by Roger Booth (Additional Member), seconded by Norman Mattingley (Truro Diocesan Guild).

(E) *That the second paragraph of Decision (D)D be amended to remove the sentence* "Any such performance not rung in full compliance with these conditions shall not be published in *The Ringing World*".
Proposed on behalf of the Methods Committee by Peter Niblett (Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), seconded by Richard Allton (Ancient Society of College Youths).

13. Change Ringing for the Future.

14. To receive, discuss and if thought fit to adopt the reports of the following Committees; and to pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising from the reports. In all cases one-third of the present members retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council.

    (a) Administrative *(p.435)*:
    Michael Church, Alan Frost, Angela Newing and Derek Sibson retire.
    There are 4 vacancies.

    (b) Information and Communications Technology *(p.435)*:
    Stephen Nash and Leigh Simpson retire. Leigh Simpson is not seeking re-election.
    There are 2 vacancies.

    (c) Library *(p.436)*:
    Stella Bianco and Gregory Morris retire. There are 2 vacancies.

    (d) Methods *(p.436)*:
    Peter Niblett and Robin Woolley retire. There are 2 vacancies.

    (e) Peal Records *(p.437)*:
    Alan Baldock, Mark Bell and Derek Sibson retire. There are 5 vacancies.

    (f) Public Relations *(p.441)*:
    Rupert Littlewood has resigned. Bruce Butler, Barrie Dove and William Dowse retire.
    William Dowse is not seeking re-election. There are 4 vacancies.

    (g) Publications *(p.442)*:
    John Couperthwaite and Beryl Norris retire. There are 2 vacancies.

    (h) Redundant Bells *(p.443)*:
    Bob Cooles and Robert Lewis retire. There are 2 vacancies.

    (i) Ringing Centres *(p.444)*:
    Michael Clements has resigned. Peter Dale and Pip Penney retire. Peter Dale is not seeking re-election. There are 3 vacancies.

    (j) Ringing Trends *(p.444)*:
    Alison Hodge, Keith Murphy and Tim Pett retire. There are 3 vacancies.

    (k) Towers & Belfries *(p.445)*:
    Roland Backhurst, James Clarke, Alan Frost, Andrew Preston and Bernard Stone (co-opted) retire. There are 4 vacancies.

    (l) Tower Stewardship *(p.446)*:
    Chris Mew, Christopher O'Mahony and David Salter retire. Chris Mew is not seeking re-election. There are 2 vacancies.

    (m) Bell Restoration *(p.446)*:
    Jay Bunyan, William Nash, Ian Oram and Peter Wilkinson retire. There are 3 vacancies.

    (n) Biographies *(p.448)*:
    Pat Halls (co-opted), Richard Andrew, Hilary Aslett, Bill Butler and Brian Hullah retire.
    There are 4 vacancies.

    (o) Compositions *(p.449)*:
    Paul Flavell, Paul Seaman and John Thompson retire. There is 1 vacancy.

    (p) Education *(p.449)*:
    Peter Dale, Sue Faull, Gill Hughes and Pip Penney retire. Sue Faull is not seeking re-election. There are 4 vacancies.

15. Report of the Stewards of the Carter Ringing Machine Collection *(p.450)*.

16. Report of the Steward of the Rolls of Honour *(p.450)*.

17. Report of the Stewards of the Dove Database *(p.450)*.

18. Central Council Rescue Fund for Redundant Bells (registered charity no. 278816) *(p.451)*:
    Report and Accounts.

19. Future meetings.

20. Any other business.

Mary Bone
*Hon Secretary*

## Appendix A

### Additional Member Nominations – Supporting Statements

**Stella Bianco**

Stella Bianco was first elected to the Council as an Honorary Member in 1989 and has served it well in various rôles ever since. She served on the Public Relations Committee and was joint project co-ordinator for the 'Ringing in the Millennium' project, leading the distribution of £3m in grants to 150 projects. She continues to support the Council's bell restoration fund through selling ringing-themed wooden jigsaws.

Stella joined the Library Committee in 2008 and has been its chairman since 2009. She has organised two successful outreach days to encourage people to enjoy ringing books and publicise the rôle of the Council Library. Back in Sussex, Stella is Association Librarian and organises an open morning each year to encourage members to use and enjoy this valuable resource.

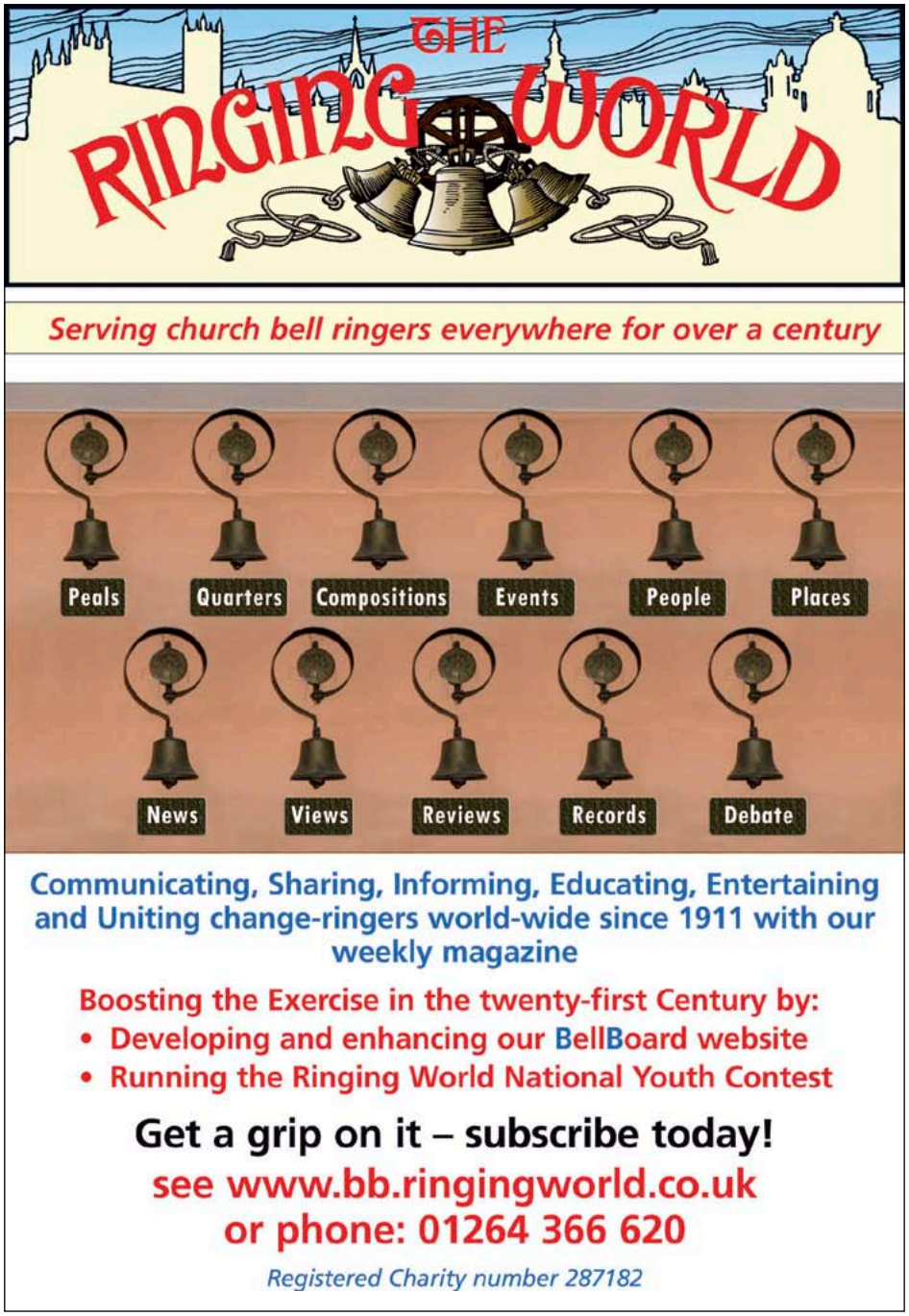
Stella would like to continue to serve on the Library Committee for a further three years. The members of the Committee would very much welcome her experience and enthusiasm in promoting the use of the Library.

*Proposed by* Alan Glover
*Seconded by* Alan Baldock

**Roger Booth**

Roger has played a leading rôle in the restoration of a number of rings of bells, being involved from inception, through helping raise the necessary funds to coordinating the delivery of the physical work itself. Projects include rehanging at Bermondsey, Rotherhithe, Isle of Dogs and Walworth, as well as installing a new ring of bells at Limehouse, and the transfer of redundant bells from Ealing and Homerton. Roger is a former member of the Council's Towers & Belfries and Redundant Bells committees.

Having been involved in so many projects, he has changed the emphasis of his work to promoting the recruitment and training of ringers as he firmly believes that there is limited benefit to restoring and augmenting bells if there is not a sustainable supply of the ringers needed to ring them.



Roger is a founder Trustee of the Charmborough Bell Trust which operates the Charmborough Ring to help promote ringing. He has served as a Director of the Ringing Foundation since it was formed five years ago. He has qualified as a full member of the Association of Ringing Teachers and is an ITTS Tutor, helping to train more teachers and mentors.

If re-elected as an Additional Member of Council, Roger wishes to continue his work as a member of the Ringing Centres Committee, helping to bring together and improve the effectiveness of the various current initiatives and innovations in the fields of recruitment and training.

*Proposed by* Brian Meads
*Seconded by* Pip Penney

**Robert Cooles**

Bob Cooles is currently an Additional Member of the Council. He serves as Chairman of the Committee for Redundant Bells and Secretary for the Council's Rescue Fund for Redundant Bells.

He has also been a member of the Administrative Committee not only for the last three-year period but for some time previously.

In those rôles, he has served the Council well for many years, and I feel that his experience and expertise thereby gained would be a sad loss to the Council should he not be re-elected as an Additional Member.

*Proposed by* John Baldwin
*Seconded by* Jeremy Cheesman

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# The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

## Minutes of the Second Session of the 41st Council (115th Annual Meeting), held at the Queen Hotel, City Road, Chester, on Monday 4th June 2012, at 9.30 am.

### Present

**Life Members:** Revd Dr J C Baldwin, D G Thorne.

**Additional Members:** Mrs E Ainsworth*, Mrs S Bianco, R Booth, R J Cooles, A J Frost, R A Lewis, P A Trotman, Mrs P M Wilkinson.

**Ex-officio:** A P S Berry, Mrs M Bone, W N G Herriott*, T Jackson, W Purvis, A Regin, R J Walker#.

**Ancient Society of College Youths:** R I Allton, H D Coggill, P A B Saddleton, A W R Wilby.

**Australian & New Zealand Assn:** C D O'Mahony, J Smith.

**Bath & Wells Dio. Assn:** R C Backhurst, Miss J Bunyan, M Hansford, M R T Higby, R Newman.

**Bedfordshire Assn:** P J S Albon, R Horne, Ms S Silver.

**Beverley & District Society:** A J Atkinson, J Blackburn.

**Cambridge Univ. Guild:** R Shipp, L D G Simpson.

**Carlisle Dio. Guild:** Ms W Graham, D Walker.

**Chester Dio. Guild:** C M Orme, Mrs P Thomson, P Wilkinson, S Zientek.

**Coventry Dio. Guild:** M Chester, M J Dew, C Idle, C F Mew.

**Derby Dio. Assn:** M Banks, Mrs P A M Halls, Mrs G Hughes, Mrs E Humphrey.

**Devonshire Guild:** L E Boyce, J M Clarke, Mrs L P Hughes, I V J Smith.

**Dorset County Association:** T F Collins.

**Durham & Newcastle Dio. Assn:** H Smith, Mrs B M Wheeler.

**East Derby & West Notts Assn:** C Aked.

**East Grinstead & District Guild:** Mrs K Desbottes.

**Ely Dio. Assn:** P Bailey, G E Bonham, B Hullah.

**Essex Assn:** J Armstrong, F J P Bone, Mrs W Godden, B Meads, S J Nash.

**Four Shires Guild:** K Murphy, C M Povey.

**Gloucester & Bristol Dio. Assn:** D Harbottle, P G Hickey, W Nash, Prof A Newing, J Nicholls.

**Guildford Dio. Guild:** Mrs A M Anthony, W J Couperthwaite, Mrs B R Norris, C H Rogers.

**Hereford Dio. Guild:** J H Croxton, Mrs J Lawrence.

**Hertford County Assn:** G T Horritt, Mrs M Horritt*, G Morton, Mrs S Morton.

**Irish Assn:** C Holliday, Ms J Kelly, Mrs J Lysaght.

**Kent County Assn:** P R J Barnes, P T Dale, R H Edwards, P H Larter, Mrs C M Lewis.

**Ladies Guild:** Mrs C Dawson, Miss H Webb, Ms J K Wyatt.

**Lancashire Assn:** Miss A Brittliff, D Burgess, E de Legh-Runciman, Ms A Holliday, Mrs B Ingham.

**Leeds University Society:** A Crocker.

**Leicester Dio. Guild:** Mrs C N J Franklin, A J Preston, J R Thompson, Mrs W M Warwick.

**Lichfield & Walsall Archd. Society:** S Hutchieson, J F Mulvey, C M Smith.

**Lincoln Dio. Guild:** Mrs S Faull, Mrs J M Rogers.

**Liverpool Univ. Society:** R J Andrew.

**Llandaff & Monmouth Dio. Assn:** P S Bennett, N D Jones, Mrs P Penney.

**Middlesex County Assn. & London Dio. Guild:** R Bailey, Mrs H Udal.

**National Police Guild:** W Dowse.

**North American Guild:** B N Butler, Ms B Faber, A Furnivall, G Williams.

**North Staffordshire Assn:** C Adams, F Beech, Mrs J Beech.

**North Wales Assn:** A P Diserens, G P Morris.

**Norwich Dio. Assn:** P Adcock, M G Clements, M H Hodgkinson.

**Oxford Dio. Guild:** W Butler, K R Davenport, J A Harrison, Mrs B May, T G Pett.

**Oxford Society:** Ms C L Bell.

**Oxford Univ. Society:** M Bell.

**Peterborough Dio. Guild:** A Chantler, Mrs E J Sibson, D Westerman*.

**St Martin's Guild:** J Forster.

**Salisbury Dio. Guild:** A C D Lovell-Wood, J Newman, R J Purnell.

**Scottish Assn:** S Elwell-Sutton, M A Neale.

**Shropshire Assn:** Mrs S Buckingham*, A M Glover.

**Society of Royal Cumberland Youths:** J S Barnes, G A Duke, I H Oram, D E Sibson.

**South African Guild:** D Carr.

**Southwell and Nottingham Dio. Guild:** G A Dawson, A B Mills, R E H Woolley.

**Suffolk Guild:** A McBurnie, S D Pettman, D G Salter.

**Surrey Assn:** J D Cheesman, Mrs K Flavell, P Flavell, R J Wallis.

**Sussex County Assn:** A R Baldock, A D Barnsdale*, D Kirkcaldy, Mrs M E Oram.

**Swansea & Brecon Dio. Guild:** P C Johnson.

**Truro Dio. Guild:** N R Mattingley, R J Perry, I P Self.

**Univ. Bristol Society:** C Darvill, R M Wood.

**Veronese Assn:** W D Roskelly*.

**Winchester & Portsmouth Dio. Guild:** M J Church, M K Hopkins Till, P D Niblett, A P Smith.

**Worcestershire & Districts Assn:** Prof A M Hodge#, S D Piper, A Roberts.

**Yorkshire Assn:** C B Dove, P Kirby, Ms S Laycock, B Sanders, Ms A D M Thorley.

Birmingham University Society, the Devon Association, Durham University Society, the St David's Diocesan Guild, the Society of Sherwood Youths and London University Society were not represented.

**The Chair** was taken by the President, Mrs Kate Flavell.

## 1. Opening Prayer

The Revd David Fisher, Chester Diocesan Guild, led the Council in prayer.

## Loyal Greetings

The President announced that she had sent a message of Loyal Greetings to Her Majesty the Queen on behalf of the Council. It read:

"Your Majesty

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers will be holding its 115th annual meeting in Chester on Monday 4th June, during the national and international celebrations of Your Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

I have been asked to tender to Your Majesty the most loyal greetings and warm wishes of the officers and members of our Council and to offer assurance that the bells of the nation will be ringing across the land in celebration of this glorious anniversary."

The following reply had been received from Buckingham Palace and was read to the meeting:

"Your kind message of loyal greetings, sent on behalf of the officers and members of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, on the occasion of the Sixtieth Anniversary of The Queen's Accession to the Throne, has been gratefully received.

Her Majesty has asked me to send her thanks to you all for your loyalty and support and her warmest good wishes for an enjoyable annual meeting which is being held today. – Private Secretary"

## 2. Report as to membership and subscriptions

The Hon Secretary, Mrs Mary Bone, reported that 65 societies were affiliated to the Council with 199 representatives; there was one vacancy. There were 5 Life Members, 10 Additional Members and 7 ex-officio Members. All subscriptions had been paid.

## 3. Welcome to new members

The President welcomed new and returning members (indicated by * and # respectively in the list of those present).

## 4. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Doris Colgate and Howard Egglestone (Life Members), Adrian Semken (Additional Member), Laith Reynolds (Australian and New Zealand Assn), Yvonne Cairns and Ron Warford (Durham & Newcastle DA), Michael Williams (Durham University Society), Jane Mason (Hereford DG), Robin Heppenstall and Philip Green (Lincoln DG), Eric Brunger (Norwich DA), Alan Bentley (Oxford DG), Bernard Stone (Oxford Society), Hilary Aslett (Peterborough DG), Andrew Howes and Andrew Nicholson (Salisbury DG), Peter Hawcock (Society of Sherwood Youths), Mary Stephens (Southwell & Nottingham DG), Veronica Downing (Suffolk Guild), Diana Day (Sussex CA), Rupert Littlewood (University of London Society), Mike Winterbourne (Winchester & Portsmouth DG) and Stewart Holbeche (Worcestershire &

Districts Assn). Further apologies were presented from Andrew Stubbs (Life Member), David Willis (Additional Member), Julie Doyle (Australian and New Zealand Assn), Robert Brown and Mervyn Way (Devon Assn) and Steve Jones (St Martin's Guild).

## 5. Loss of members through death

Members stood in silence as the Hon Secretary read the names of members and former members who had died since the last meeting: Dennis Beresford (SRCY 1960-1978); Peter Baker (Gloucester & Bristol DA 1951-1953); Leslie Evans (Hereford DG 1945-1947); Francis (Frank) White (Hon member 1964-1976); Noel (Jim) Diserens (Oxford DG 1966-1978); Peter Staniforth (Leicester DG 1956-1981); Harold Rogers (London CA 1946-2000, Life member 2000-2012); Kenneth Arthur (Durham & Newcastle DA 1960-1977); Brian Price (Hon member 1951-1954); Valhalla Grossmith (Zimbabwe Guild 1989-2004). The Revd Dr J C Baldwin led members in prayer.

The President reminded members to declare any interest in the bell-related trade to the Hon Secretary, drawing attention to the Guidance printed in the Supplement (RW, 4 May 2012, p473), and to declare any relevant interest before speaking at the meeting or proposing a candidate for election. She asked members to notify matters of any other business to the Hon Secretary during the lunch break. She also asked members to remember that all Council members are volunteers and all should be spoken of with respect by other members.

## 6. Minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30th May 2011 had been published in *The Ringing World* of 5 August 2011. The first line of item 10 was corrected to read " Six Additional Members ...". There were no further corrections. The Minutes were approved and signed by the President.

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

No member wished to raise any matter.

## 8. Annual Report of the Council

*(RW 4th May 2012, p469)*

The Hon Secretary noted that, since the preparation of the report, there had been one change to the figures in paragraph 4: one vacancy has been filled. The figures in the last two sentences of the first paragraph of this item should therefore read: 5 Life Members, 10 Additional Members, 7 ex-officio Members and 199 Representative Members. There is one other vacancy.

Adoption of the report was then proposed by the Hon Secretary, seconded by the Vice-President, Chris Mew, and agreed.

## 9. Accounts for 2011

*(RW 4th May 2012, pp469-472)*

The Hon Treasurer, Derek Harbottle, presented the Accounts and stated that the Independent Examiners had been able to give an unqualified report. He drew attention to the negative movement in funds, as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities, of £10,702. The General Fund had a deficit of over £3,700; this included expenditure on the new volume of the Rolls of Honour, for which donations had been received in 2010. Other costs were similar to those in the previous year. The Education Courses Fund expenditure related largely to the Wellesbourne conference in November. Thirteen grants had been paid from the Bell Restoration Fund. Two grants were awarded from the Fred Dukes Fund; none had yet been paid. The Hon Treasurer referred members to the Library and Publications committees reports for details of their funds. The General Fund continued to be invested in National Savings Income Bonds and with the CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund. Turning to 2012, the Hon Treasurer informed members that investments were being reviewed to gain more interest. Additional income from the increased affiliation fee amounted to £1,000; the same amount would be received in 2013 and the Administrative Committee had committed to review the affiliation fee annually. The Hon Treasurer formally proposed adoption of the Accounts; the Hon Secretary seconded.

Chris Rogers urged that funds be moved to benefit from higher interest rates. The Hon Treasurer replied that the Administrative Committee had considered both the level of likely future interest rates and the security of investments and recommended changes to the investment policy. Some monies had already been transferred to a fixed term deposit at a rate of 3.3% and the intention was to move further funds to fixed term deposits with varying maturity dates. Monies in the Fred Dukes Fund would also be moved to benefit from higher interest rates for term deposits.

The Accounts were agreed.

## 10. Election of Life Member

Bill Butler was proposed by Bobbie May, who spoke of Bill's many years of service to the Council and the Exercise. Bill was first elected to the Council in 1957 and had served as a representative from the Oxford Diocesan Guild continuously since 1969. He had been a member of the Education Committee from 1969 to 1988, chairman for ten years and author of three books in the Beginner's series. He served on the Library Committee from 1991 to 2005 and as chairman from 1996 to 2005. Bill had also been a member of the Publications and Administrative committees and currently served on the Biographies Committee. Tim Pett seconded and referred to Bill's current research on biographies of 1,000 pealers, his work with handbell ringers and receipt of a Citizen's Award in Thatcham.

Voting was by ballot and the proposal was carried by a large majority.

## 11. Election of Additional Members

Two Additional Members would complete their three-year term at the end of the meeting. The following advance nominations, duly proposed and seconded, had been received: Jane Wilkinson and Robert Lewis. After a ballot these candidates were declared elected. Eight vacancies remained unfilled.

## 12. Motions

**(A) Definition of the Commencement of a Triennium**

Tony Smith proposed on behalf of the Administrative Committee:

That Rule 5(iii) be amended to read:

"The election of Representative Members by affiliated Societies shall take place triennially, and the names and addresses of those elected shall be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary together with the Certificate required by Rule 5(i) not later than four weeks before the next Annual Meeting. Each triennial session commences with the Annual Meeting next after each triennial election or an annual meeting of The Ringing World Ltd or The Ringing Foundation Ltd if held in the preceding two days. In the event of a vacancy the new member shall be elected only for the unexpired period of the triennium, and his name and address shall be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary forthwith."

Tony noted that the 2012 Ringing Foundation annual meeting had preceded the Council meeting; if this occurred at the beginning of a triennium new members of Council would not be eligible to participate or vote and this was an obviously undesirable consequence of changing the day of the annual meeting of either the Foundation or The Ringing World Ltd. Tony sought leave of the meeting to amend the last sentence to read "... his or her name and address ...". The Hon Secretary seconded. The amendment was put to the vote and carried; the motion was then carried nem con.

**(B) Statistical Analysis of Peals rung with Simulated Sound**

Andrew Barnsdale proposed:

That the Peal Records Committee shall include in its annual report a statistical analysis of peals rung by rope and wheel on dumbbell rings or rings of bells with tied clappers, provided that such peals comply in all respects with the Central Council's conditions for peals with the sole exception of the use of simulated sound in the absence of swinging clappers striking bells of metal.

Andrew informed members of the background to this proposal and the strong feeling that, given the increase in number of such peals, they should be properly recorded and included in the statistical analysis. He stressed that these peals should comply in all other aspects with the Council's decisions; the effect of the motion would be that in future they would be included in the analysis in their own section. Catherine Lewis seconded.

Andrew Mills opposed the motion, stating that it did not comply with the Council's view of synthetic bells in Decision A. He supported the use of simulators for teaching purposes but not for peal ringing. In discussion, many members supported the motion, stressing that the level of performance required for such peals was as great as if they were rung on open bells and that this was a technical motion on the recording of such peals. In response to a query from Norman Mattingley, Peter Niblett confirmed that the motion would not affect record peals; the effect would be that peals such as those listed in text on p476 would be displayed in tabular format.

Replying to the comments and discussion, Andrew Barnsdale reiterated that this was a technical motion solely concerned with the accurate recording and analysis of such peals.

The motion was put to the vote and carried by majority.

**(C) Terms of Reference of the Public Relations Committee**

John Harrison proposed on behalf of the Public Relations Committee:

That Rule 16(vii) (Terms of Reference of the Public Relations Committee) be replaced by the following:

"To foster goodwill and mutual understanding between ringers and the non-ringing public; to foster public awareness of ringing; to establish and maintain goodwill and mutual understanding between the Council and significant non-ringing bodies (including the media, church and government); and to establish and maintain goodwill and mutual understanding between the Council and ringers at large (as individuals and in ringing societies)."

John explained that the motion clarified and made explicit the aims of the Committee. Barrie Dove seconded.

The motion was put to the vote and carried nem con.

## 13. Change Ringing for the Future

Elva Ainsworth introduced discussion of a previously circulated paper with a quotation from Canon Christopher Humphries' address, given at the Songs of Praise service in Chester Cathedral, on ringers' "unique and hugely important calling". Elva paid tribute to the commitment, energy and focus of so many ringers; however, the statistics clearly showed the decline in the number of ringers in younger age groups and projected a shortfall of 10,000 ringers by 2038. The Wellesbourne conference had focused on the key tasks necessary to change this long-term trend. Ringing societies and the Central Council must co-ordinate and connect nationally and internationally with recruitment and training taking place at tower level. Chris Mew gave a detailed introduction to the paper, referring to the many valuable initiatives by bands, societies and the Ringing Foundation to recruit and retain ringers: each and every ringer and Council representative had a part to play. The Council's rôle was to provide information, training materials and documentation and form a supportive framework, with local societies, to aid tower captains and bands. The proposed Forum would not be yet another committee but would play a co-ordinating rôle to ensure that available resources were used efficiently. Chris urged support for the Integrated Teacher Training Scheme and the Association of Ringing Teachers. He reported, from a brief survey of association websites, that 3 associations had youth groups and youth officers, while others held a number of events specifically for young ringers. He asked representatives to examine how much work their societies were conducting with younger age groups and to report back to the Council on their strategies and the resources required to implement them. Chris drew attention to the work of the Ringing Foundation and the need to finance ringing training on a proper basis *(applause.)*

A number of points were made in discussion: that the emphasis on young ringers should not exclude other age groups; that traditional sources of recruitment from church congregations are less successful as congregations age and decline; that new groups such as school students should be targeted and that ringing can enhance education in many ways; that ringing for service remained the *raison d'être*; that successful bands depended on dynamic leadership; that retention is a key factor and that many lapsed ringers could be recruited; that training costs as estimated by the Ringing Foundation should be re-examined; and that Council committees, the Ringing Foundation and the Association of Ringing Teachers must work together.

Chris and Elva summarised the key comments and suggestions made, reiterated that ringers had an important outreach rôle for the Church, and emphasised the vision of ringing as attractive and visible to target recruitment groups *(applause.)*

## 14. Committee Reports

*(The reports were published in The Ringing World Supplement of 4th May 2012. The relevant page numbers are shown against each report)*.

The President drew members' attention to the different layout of the ballot paper and stated that papers would not necessarily be collected after each vote; she asked that ballot papers be passed to the end of the row for ease of collection. The President also asked those nominating candidates for election to the committees to come forward to the lectern.

**(a) Administrative** *(p473)*

Adoption of the report was proposed by the Hon Secretary, who thanked Robert Lewis and *The Ringing World* staff for their assistance in producing an excellent Supplement on time. She drew attention to the forthcoming meeting with English Heritage and the Church Buildings Council and asked members to contact herself, James Clarke or Bob Cooles with items for the agenda. The Hon Secretary thanked members for participating in the survey on electronic circulation of papers for the Council meeting and noted the saving on postage costs. The Vice-President seconded. Adoption of the report was then agreed.

John Baldwin, Robert Lewis, Judith Rogers and Andrew Wilby retired; John Baldwin and Judith Rogers did not seek re-election. The following members were proposed, seconded and elected to fill the 4 vacancies on the Committee: Fred Bone, Robert Lewis, Andrew Wilby and Jane Wilkinson.

**(b) Education** *(pp473-474)*

Adoption of the report was proposed by Peter Dale, seconded by Geoff Horritt and agreed.

Wendy Graham, Geoff Horritt, Catherine Lewis and Brian Sanders retired. Peter Dale informed the meeting that Claire Bell had now resigned. Six candidates were proposed and seconded to fill the 5 vacancies on the Committee. The President rejected a suggestion that the committee size be increased. After a ballot the following were declared elected: Tony Furnivall, Geoff Horritt, Susan Laycock, Catherine Lewis and Brian Sanders. The unsuccessful candidate was David Roskelly.

**(c) Information and Communications Technology** *(p474)*

Mike Chester proposed adoption of the report. Peter Trotman, seconding, reported that the Committee had now selected a different content management system (CMS) for the website. This CMS was already used by Mike Chester and it was hoped to implement the new system by year-end. In response to questions, Mike Chester confirmed that the website already had a hit counter and that Joomla! was the selected CMS. Adoption of the report was agreed.

Alan Chantler and Mike Chester retired. The following members were proposed, seconded and elected to fill the 2 vacancies on the Committee: Alan Chantler and Mike Chester.

**(d) Library** *(pp474-475)*

In proposing adoption of the report, Stella Bianco thanked Alison Hodge for her work with the Committee. The Committee would welcome assistance with their website and from those with IT skills. The next Book Day would be held on 23 February 2013. Alan Glover seconded and adoption of the report was agreed.

Alison Hodge and Ian Self retired. The following members were proposed, seconded and elected to fill the 2 vacancies on the Committee: Jenny Lawrence and Ian Self.

**(e) Methods** *(p475)*

Peter Niblett proposed adoption of the report and informed members that Leigh Simpson had now stood down from the Committee. He thanked Leigh for all his work. Those to retire from the Committee would therefore be Philip Saddleton and Leigh Simpson. Robin Woolley seconded. Adoption of the report was agreed.

Philip Saddleton and Leigh Simpson retired. The following members were proposed, seconded and elected to fill the 2 vacancies on the Committee: Henry Coggill and Philip Saddleton.

**(f) Peal Records** *(pp475-479)*

Proposing adoption of the report, Richard Allton noted that no 'non-compliant' peals were included in the analysis. He informed members of two corrections to the list of first peals in methods rung on handbells (p477, col 3): the peal on 14 March should be credited to the Leicester Diocesan Guild and that on 10 August to the Derby Diocesan Association. Derek Sibson seconded.

Tony Smith stated that, according to Decision (D)E, non-compliant peals should be identified; the four non-compliant peals were 5040 Rutland S Royal on 5 May, 5040 Yorkshire S Royal on 12 June and 5088 Yorkshire S Major on 10 July, all at Hopton Heath, and 5056 Cambridge S Major on 13 July at Brampton. Both Andrew Mills and Catherine Lewis referred to the implications of Motion B for the analysis, while Roger Bailey commented that some non-compliant peals were more significant than others. Richard responded that the Committee would consider all these comments carefully with a view to a possible motion in 2013. Adoption of the report was then agreed.

Richard Allton, Ben Duke (co-opted) and Philip Larter retired. There were 5 vacancies on the Committee; Richard Allton explained that the Committee wished to expand to enable it to compile missing information on historic record peals. The following three members were

proposed, seconded and elected: Richard Allton, Ben Duke and Philip Larter. Two vacancies were unfilled. The President asked members interested in the work of this Committee to contact the chairman with a view to co-option during the year.

**(g) Public Relations** *(pp479-481)*

Barrie Dove, proposing adoption of the report, noted that the complaints helpline, which had been run by Alan Chantler for over 10 years, would transfer to the Tower Stewardship Committee. He also reported the result of the consultation on future Roadshows: over 80% of respondents favoured a one-day event. After consultation with the bell foundries and hangers a provisional booking had been made at Newbury Racecourse for either 7 or 14 September 2014. Helen Udal seconded. Adoption of the report was agreed after these dates were corrected to either 6 or 13 September 2014.

Claire Bell had resigned; Alan Chantler, Nicholas Jones (co-opted), Michael Orme and Jane Wilkinson retired; Alan Chantler did not seek re-election. Five candidates were proposed and seconded to fill the 4 vacancies on the Committee. After a ballot the following were declared elected: Lynne Hughes, Emma Humphrey, Nicholas Jones and Michael Orme. The unsuccessful candidate was Jane Wilkinson.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.30pm and resumed, after the Annual Meeting of The Ringing World Limited, at 3.04pm.

**(h) Publications** *(pp481-482)*

John Couperthwaite proposed the report and drew attention to the new edition of *Dove*, on sale at the meeting. He thanked all those involved in the project, especially the Dove Stewards and the contractor, Philip Green. Beryl Norris seconded. Adoption of the report was agreed.

Julian Newman and Barbara Wheeler retired. The following members were proposed and seconded to fill the 2 vacancies on the Committee: Philip Green and Barbara Wheeler. Sue Faull, proposing Philip Green, declared his interest as a supplier of printing services to the Committee. The President declared them elected.

**(i) Redundant Bells** *(p482-483)*

Adoption of the report was proposed by Bob Cooles, who declared an interest as company secretary of John Taylor & Co. He thanked the retiring founding members of the Committee for their contributions to its work and referred to the Committee's involvement with the central institutions of the Church of England and to joint projects with the Keltek Trust to rescue bells. The report was seconded by Julian Newman and agreed.

John Baldwin and Alan Frost retired and did not seek re-election. The following members were proposed, seconded and elected to fill the 2 vacancies on the Committee: Tim Jackson and David Westerman.

**(j) Ringing Centres** *(pp483)*

Norman Mattingley proposed adoption of the report and drew attention to *Training Times*, available to members at the meeting. Roger Booth seconded and adoption of the report was then agreed.

Alan Bentley, Roger Booth and Leslie Boyce retired. The following members were proposed, seconded and elected to fill the 3 vacancies on the Committee: Alan Bentley, Roger Booth and Leslie Boyce.

**(k) Ringing Trends** *(p483-484)*

In proposing adoption of the report, Alison Hodge updated members on the Committee's study of university ringing societies and on the pilot survey of young ringers in the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Any society wishing to undertake the survey in its own area should contact Tim Pett for a copy of the questionnaire. Tony Furnivall, seconding, reported that the students at Trinity were now ringing rounds and call changes and would ring for their high school graduation. Robin Woolley asked what percentage of university science student ringers were mathematicians; Alison agreed to investigate and respond directly to Robin. Adoption of the report was agreed.

Stephen Elwell-Sutton and Ashley Fortey retired. The following members were proposed, seconded and elected to fill the 3 vacancies on the Committee: Elva Ainsworth, Stephen Elwell-Sutton and Guy Morton.

**(l) Towers and Belfries** *(p484-485)*

Adoption of the report was proposed by James Clarke, who informed members that the next tower inspection seminar would be held at Tadcaster on 29 September; places were still available. An article on rope manufacturers and supply had appeared in *The Ringing World* (RW, 18 May 2012, p521). The report was seconded by Chris Povey. Frank Beech reported that he had used Hardy Hemp, supplied by Marlow Ropes, for artificial tail ends with no complaints. Chris Rogers commented that the situation regarding rope manufacture and supply had improved since last year; he noted the letter from Philip Pratt of Avon Ropes in the current issue of *The Ringing World* (RW, 1 June 2012, p570). James Clarke welcomed Philip's letter and added that copies of the Committee's article were available on the Towers and Belfries stall. Adoption of the report was agreed.

Peter Bennett, George Dawson, Chris Povey and Bernard Stone retired. The following members were proposed, seconded and elected to fill the 4 vacancies on the Committee: Peter Bennett, George Dawson, Chris Povey and David Roskelly.

**(m) Tower Stewardship** *(pp485)*

Christopher O'Mahony proposed adoption of the report. He noted the good working relationship with the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, informed members that the Committee would undertake a survey of guilds on child protection issues, and referred to the transfer of responsibility for the complaints helpline. Ernie de Legh-Runciman seconded. Chris Adams requested stable links for updates to guidance notes; Christopher O'Mahony agreed that these would be helpful. Anthony Lovell-Wood asked if the change of wording to 'safeguarding' from 'child protection' affected ringers. Chris Mew replied that there was no substantive change; however, a number of changes would be introduced with Royal Assent to the Protection of Freedoms Act. Updated information would be published in *The Ringing World*. Chris asked any bands experiencing problems on child protection issues to contact him. Adoption of the report was then agreed.

Ernie de Legh-Runciman and Chris Mew retired. The following members were proposed and seconded to fill the 2 vacancies on the Committee: Alan Chantler, Ernie de Legh-Runciman and Chris Mew. David Burgess suggested that the committee size be increased. This was formally proposed by Derek Sibson, as the Committee was taking on the additional task of running the complaints helpline, seconded by David Burgess and approved. The President therefore declared the 3 candidates elected, stating that the transfer of the complaints helpline created a special case for an increase and that committee sizes should not normally be increased at the meeting.

**(n) Bell Restoration** *(pp485-487)*

Proposing adoption of the report, Robin Shipp paid tribute to all the work done by Jackie Roberts during her time as a committee member, particularly with the *FunderFinder* database. Peter Wilkinson, seconding, urged members to increase awareness of the Committee among ringers and parishes and drew attention to sales of prints and jigsaws during the day, which had raised over £300 for the Council's Bell Restoration Fund. Adoption of the report was agreed.

John Barnes, Frank Beech and Ken Davenport retired; Jackie Roberts was no longer a member of Council. The following members were proposed, seconded and elected to fill the 4 vacancies on the Committee: John Barnes, Frank Beech, Ken Davenport and Chris Rogers.

**(o) Biographies** *(pp487)*

Adoption of the report was proposed by Pat Halls. She referred to the ITC Committee report on implementation of a new CMS, which would delay online submission of biographical data via the website, and encouraged members to complete biographies forms. John Harrison seconded and adoption of the report was agreed.

Pat Halls, John Harrison, Bobbie May and Margaret Oram retired. Five candidates were proposed and seconded to fill the 4 vacancies on the Committee. After a ballot the following were declared elected: Henry Coggill, John Harrison, Bobbie May and Margaret Oram. The unsuccessful candidate was Wendy Graham.

Alison Hodge noted that Pat Halls, retiring chairman, had not stood for re-election and thanked her for her work for the Committee. This was endorsed by the meeting.

**(p) Compositions** *(pp487-488)*

Paul Flavell proposed adoption of the report and thanked Philip Saddleton for his work on the Committee, especially with the Stedman collection. Richard Allton, seconding, thanked *The Ringing World* for timely publication of compositions for Jubilee-related methods. Peter Wilkinson queried the Committee's decision not to proceed with a publication of quarter peal compositions. Paul agreed to reconsider this decision and Richard urged composers to submit quarter peal compositions.

Richard Allton, Stuart Hutchieson and Philip Saddleton retired. The following members were proposed, seconded and elected to fill the 3 vacancies on the Committee: Richard Allton, Fred Bone and Stuart Hutchieson.

The President thanked all committee members and stewards for their work for the

Council, especially those who had not stood for re-election. She stressed that most of the Council's work was conducted by the committees and that the reports fully demonstrated their usefulness to all ringers.

Derek Sibson asked for further information on the Publications and Library funds, which the Treasurer had stated would be covered in those committee reports. The Hon Treasurer referred to the fourth paragraph of the Publications Committee report (p 481) on the fund and its deficit, largely caused by a stock write-down. The Library Fund had incurred the additional costs of the move to Worthen. [Post-meeting note: in the minutes of the 1998 meeting in Dublin Item 10 says "In presenting the accounts, the Hon. Treasurer, Mr E. G. H. Godfrey, said that previously adoption of the Accounts had been delayed pending consideration of the reports of the Library and Publications Committees, so that questions on the Friends of the Library and Publications Accounts could be dealt with then. However, with the change in the format of the Accounts, it was more appropriate that they should be dealt with in their entirety at this stage.".]

## 15. Report of the Stewards of the Carter Ringing Machine Collection

*(RW 4th May 2012, p488)*

Adoption of the report was proposed by Bill Purvis and seconded by Alan Berry, who declared an interest as a volunteer at the Bellfoundry Museum. The report was agreed.

## 16. Report of the Steward of the Rolls of Honour *(RW 4th May 2012, p488)*

Alan Regin proposed adoption of the report and reported that the frontispiece to and writing of the new volume were complete and that the binding was currently in progress. Ian Self seconded and adoption of the report was then agreed.

## 17. Report of the Stewards of the Dove Database

*(RW 4th May 2012, pp488-489)*

Proposing adoption of the report, John Baldwin thanked Tim Jackson for his work on quality assurance and Robert Lewis for regular insertions on the database in *The Ringing World*. He reminded members to notify changes and updates both promptly and accurately. John added that the underlying database used was DOS-based and asked young database experts or those with experience of social networking sites to contact the stewards. Tim Jackson seconded and the report was agreed.

## 18. Central Council Rescue Fund for Redundant Bells (Registered Charity no. 278816)

**Report and Accounts**

*(RW 4th May 2012, p489)*

Adoption of the report and accounts was proposed by Bob Cooles and seconded by John Baldwin. Stella Bianco noted the income from *EveryClick* and commended its use. Adoption of the report and accounts was agreed.

## 19. Future meetings

The President reminded members that invitations had been accepted for future years as follows:

2013 - Guildford Diocesan Guild
2014 – Kent County Association
2016 – Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

The President reported that an invitation had been received from the Beverley & District Society for 2015; the meeting voted to accept this invitation. The President reminded members that invitations for 2017 and future years would be welcome.

Chris Rogers outlined plans for the visit of the Council to Guildford in 2013.

## Attendance

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

## 20. Other Business

(a) The President sought agreement for the ballot papers to be destroyed and this was given.

(b) The President encouraged members to act as ambassadors for the Central Council and report back to their associations both on the Council's work and on their own work for the Council.

(c) Stephen Pettman informed the meeting that the annual all-Italy meeting due to be held in Cento last weekend had been postponed because of the recent earthquake, during which a number of rings of bells had been lost. One of the items under discussion is the establishment of a version of the Central Council, to include the many different systems of ringing in Italy. The meeting agreed that Stephen should pass on the good wishes of the Council to all those affected by the earthquake.

(d) John Harrison drew attention to material on ringing and the national curriculum on the All Saints, Wokingham, website at **http://allsaintswokinghambells.org.uk/ASRinging/Community/Schools.html#Projects**; this could be freely re-used. John also informed members that Council recruiting leaflets were available for collection.

(e) The Hon Secretary reminded members to return badges and, especially, badge holders.

(f) Alan Frost congratulated the President on the conduct of the meeting. The President thanked Alan for his kind words and said that she would request feedback and comments on the meeting in her next blog.

## Votes of Thanks

The President moved a comprehensive vote of thanks to all those involved in the Council's visit to Chester: to the organising committee of the Chester Diocesan Guild: David Adams, Jane Davies, Peter Dyson, David Fulton, Alan McFall, Michael Orme, Jackie Roberts, Pam Thomson, Peter Wilkinson and Stefan Zientek; and to all the members of the Guild who had willingly given assistance on the Help Desk at that day's meeting and throughout the weekend, provided stewards for the tours and acted as tellers and microphone operatives that day; to the Master of the Guild for his welcome and for his speech at the Sunday evening Reception and Dinner; to the Bishop of Chester, the Rt Revd Peter Forster, for his welcome to the Diocese and for his speech at the Reception and Dinner; to all those involved in the organisation of the Sunday evening Reception and Dinner and especially the Lord Mayor of Chester, Councillor Pamela Booher, for her welcome; to the Dean and Chapter for the Songs of Praise service on Sunday afternoon at the Cathedral, and especially to the Vice-Dean, Revd Canon Peter Howell-Jones, and to the Precentor, Revd Canon Christopher Humphries; to the Revd Brian Harris for the service of Holy Communion that morning; and to the incumbents and ringers of the churches who had made their bells available to Council members *(applause)*.

The President declared the meeting closed at 4.43 pm.

## Summary of Attendance

| | Societies | Members Present | Members Absent |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fully represented | 39 | 116 | – |
| Partly represented | 20 | 51 | 25 |
| Not represented | 6 | – | 7 |
| | 65 | 167 | 32 |
| Life Members | | 2 | 3 |
| Additional Members | | 8 | 2 |
| Ex-officio | | 7 | – |
| | | 184 | 37 |

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# Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

## Annual Report for 2012

1. The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers ('the Council') was founded in 1891 and is a registered charity, no. 270036. Its address is that of its Honorary Secretary for the time being, namely 11 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, CM21 9DB. The constitution and conduct of the Council is governed by its Rules.

2. The Council's Trustees during 2012 were as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| President | Mrs K Flavell |
| Vice-President | Mr C Mew |
| Hon Secretary | Mrs M Bone |
| Hon Assistant Secretary | Mr R Walker |
| Hon Treasurer | Mr D Harbottle |

3. The Council's bankers are Lloyds TSB, Westminster House Branch, Dean Stanley Street, London, SW1P 3HU. Its Independent Examiners are Mr J D Cheesman and Mrs W E Godden.

4. At the close of the Annual General Meeting on 4th June 2012 the Council's membership comprised five Life Members, 10 Additional Members, seven Ex-officio Members and 199 Representative Members representing 65 affiliated societies. One Life Member was elected at that meeting; two Additional Members retired, were re-elected at that meeting and took office. Since then two Life Members and two Representative Members have died. A Representative Member was elected to fill the vacant representative post arising from the election of the new Life Member and one of the vacancies caused by death has been filled. Three Representative Members have resigned and two of these vacancies have been filled. Subject to any further changes, at the start of the 2013 Council meeting there will be four Life Members, ten Additional Members, seven Ex-officio Members and 197 Representative Members. There are three other vacancies.

5. The Object of the Council is to promote and foster the ringing of bells for Christian prayer, worship and celebration and in furtherance thereof:

(i) To promote awareness of and educate the general public in the ringing of church bells and the art of change ringing;

(ii) To make available advice, assistance and information to church authorities, ringers and ringing societies and to promote good practice on all matters concerned with bells and bell ringing;

(iii) To encourage development of the art of ringing through innovation;

(iv) To bring together ringers to discuss matters of common interest and to represent ringers both nationally and internationally;

(v) To encourage high standards of performance in ringing;

(vi) To recommend technical standards in change ringing and maintain such records as may be necessary to uphold these standards;

(vii) To assist in the provision, restoration, maintenance and transfer of church bells.

6. The work of the Council in pursuing this object is for the most part carried out by its sixteen committees and by working groups appointed by them. Summaries of their activities during 2012 are given in the committee reports, which appear elsewhere on the Council's agenda and are being published in the 26th April 2013 issue of *The Ringing World*.

7. The public benefits from the following areas of activity of the Council: the promotion of public worship by the ringing of church bells, the preservation of the tradition and heritage of change ringing, the encouragement and promotion of high standards of ringing and providing financial and specialist knowledge in the support of belfry repairs and maintenance.

8. The Accounts for 2012 show Total Funds at the year-end of £391,286 of which £223,542 is in Restricted Funds. The income for the year totalled £55,823, compared with £41,926 in 2011. The 2012 figures include further donations for the Christchurch Cathedral New Zealand bells restoration and, in the Publications Fund, sales of the new edition 10 of *Dove's Guide*. The Trustees have the power to invest money and adopt such measures as seem to them necessary in the interest of the Council. They do not have any power to borrow money.

9. It is confirmed that the Council's assets, together with the expected income for 2013, are available and are likely to be adequate to fulfil the object of the Council in that year.

10. Reserves policy:

(i) General Fund – the balance on the General Fund is invested to produce income which, together with member societies affiliation fees, provides sufficient funds to support the work and activities of the Council. The balance also facilitates cash flow and enables the development of new projects and initiatives.

(ii) Education Courses – the balance provides cash flow to enable the Education Committee to run various training courses, in general the costs are recouped from attendees.

(iii) Bell Restoration Fund – the balance is fully allocated to bell restoration projects and paid on satisfactory completion of the work. Grants are made in proportion to the types of applications received and in accordance with priorities agreed by the Council and reviewed annually.

(iv) F Dukes International Bell Fund – Grants from the Fred Dukes International Bell Fund are made in accordance with the terms of Mr Dukes' legacy. Grants are awarded from the interest on the legacy and reviewed annually.

(v) Publications Fund – the balance represents the stock of publications held and a cash balance to facilitate the production of new titles and the reprinting of existing publications.

(vi) Library Fund – the balance represents the value of the library which is maintained for use by council members and affiliated societies.

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

12. No significant fund-raising activity has been carried out during the year.

13. The Council had no employees during the year. All of its work is carried out on a voluntary basis.

MRS M BONE
Honorary Secretary

April 2013

### Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

## Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2012

### 1 Basis of accounting

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

### 2 Accounting Policies

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

#### 2.1 Incoming resources

Interest is accounted for when receivable.

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

#### 2.2 Resources expended

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis.

Grants are accounted for when paid over.

### 3 Consistency

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

### 4 Funds

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

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

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

### 5 Transfers between Funds

There were no transfers between funds in the current year.

## 6 Tangible Assets and Intangible Assets

The major tangible assets of the Council are the Investments in National Savings Income Bonds and the Library Collection. The Library Collection is valued at a replacement cost of £105,200. The revaluation was undertaken by J M Farringdon at March 2009. The policy is to revalue the collection every five years. It is being depreciated for accounting purposes at 2% per annum. An asset register is maintained for other tangible assets. The policy is to treat assets of an individual cost up to £1,000 as fully depreciated in the year of purchase.

The major intangible asset of the Council is the copyright of *Dove's Guide*.

## 7 Interest receivable

The interest was received from

| | *2012* | *2011* |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| National Savings Investment Bonds | 2,889 | 2,888 |
| Central Board of Finance of the Church of England Deposit | 512 | 652 |
| Lloyds TSB term deposits | 864 | 0 |
| Other banks | 1 | 2 |
| **Total** | **4,266** | **3,542** |

## 8 Donations and Grants received

Further donations were received in respect of the proposed new volume of the Roll of Honour. This is included in the General Fund as a designated item and, together with the related gift aid, amounts to £441.

Donations were received in respect of Christchurch Cathedral New Zealand bells restoration following the damage caused by the earthquake to the City of Christchurch. This is included in the Bell Restoration Fund as a restricted item and, together with the related gift aid, amounts to £4,922.

A grant was received from the PRS for Music Foundation for a new music composition to mark the 2012 Olympic Games. This was one of only 20 pieces selected by the New Music 20x12 project to be performed throughout 2012, particularly for Olympic related events.

## 9 Committee Expenses

These were as follows

| | *2012* | *2011* |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Administrative | 340 | 437 |
| Bell Restoration | 148 | 142 |
| Biographies | 73 | 102 |
| Education | 1,038 | 801 |
| Information and Communications | 316 | 265 |
| Library | 495 | 444 |
| Publications | 207 | 215 |
| Public Relations | 618 | 433 |
| Redundant Bells | 0 | 84 |
| Ringing Centres | 0 | 178 |
| Ringing Trends | 171 | 0 |
| Towers & Belfries | 745 | 749 |
| Towers & Belfries – tower inspections seminar | 278 | 0 |
| Carter Ringing Machine Steward | 0 | 55 |
| Dove Steward | 0 | 44 |
| **Total** | **4,429** | **3,949** |

## 10 Grants

The Fred Dukes International Bell Fund awarded two grants totalling £1,300. Three grants were paid during the year.

| *Year awarded* | *Unpaid 1/1/2012* | *Awarded in 2012* | *Paid in 2012* | *Unpaid 31/12/2012* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 2008 | 3,022 | | | 3,022 |
| 2010 | 3,000 | | 1,000 | 2,000 |
| 2011 | 2,200 | | 2,000 | 200 |
| 2012 | | 1,300 | 300 | 1,000 |
| **Total** | **8,222** | **1,300** | **3,300** | **6,222** |

The Bell Restoration Fund did not award any grants in 2011. Five grants, awarded in 2010, were paid in the year.

| *Year awarded* | *Unpaid 1/1/2012* | *Awarded in 2012* | *Paid in 2012* | *Unpaid 31/12/2012* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 2010 | 9,700 | | 6,000 | 3,700 |
| 2012 | | 0 | | 0 |
| **Total** | **9,700** | **0** | **6,000** | **3,700** |

## 11 Charitable Commitments

There were unfulfilled charitable commitments at 31st December 2012 in respect of four grants totalling £6,222 awarded but not yet paid by the Fred Dukes International Bell Fund, and three grants totalling £3,700 awarded but not yet paid by the Bell Restoration Fund. There is also a charitable commitment to Christchurch Cathedral New Zealand bells restoration in respect of donations received but not yet paid amounting to £10,112.

## 12 Publications Fund

Storage and distribution cost of £2,300 was paid to Council members.

## 13 Payments to Trustees

There were no payments to Trustees.

## 14 Emoluments of Employees

The Council had no employees during the year.

The on-line *Dove's Guide for Church Bell Ringers* can be found at:

**dove.cccbr.org.uk/home.php**

Updates to your tower's information (such as change of practice night) are really helpful to potential visitors.

Also – do please supply full details of your bells and frame if not already shown.

## Managing External Pressures

The Tower Stewardship Committee of the Central Council has compiled a number of leaflets that offer advice on how to manage external pressures that may affect bell towers and bell ringers. They cover the following areas:-

- Tower Management
- Child Protection in Towers
- Church Law in Relation to Bells
- Fire Risk Assessment
- Insurance and Ringing
- Tower Safety and Risk Assessment

These leaflets can be found on the Central Council web site at:
http://www.cccbr.org.uk/tsc

For further information, contact the Chairman of the CCCBR Tower Stewardship Committee:

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

### TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

General guidance and technical information within the CCCBR website at **http://www.cccbr.org.uk/**

- A Bells Project From First Principles, a general guide for Principal PCC Officers and their ringers.
- Clapper Notes, a technical article on design, centre of percussion, and physical testing of clappers.
- The Faculty Jurisdiction, a general guide for Principal PCC Officers and their ringers.
- Radio Aerials & Telecommunications Equipment in Church Towers, a general guide, for Principal PCC Officers and their ringers, on management issues, principles, procedures, responsibilities and actions.
- Radio Aerials & Telecommunications Equipment in Church Towers, a technical article for Principal PCC Officers and their ringers.
- Sound Management, a general guide, for Principal PCC Officers and their ringers, on principles and practice to be used in the good acoustic management of the sound of church bells, both inside the tower and outside the tower.

**CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS**
Registered Charity Number 270036

**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2012**

| | Note | *General Fund* £ | *Education Courses* £ | *Bell Rest-oration Fund* £ | *F Dukes Internat'al Bell Fund* £ | *Public-ations Fund* £ | *Library Fund* £ | *Total Funds 2012* £ | *Total Funds 2011* £ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Income and Expenditure** | | | | | | | | | |
| **Incoming resources:** | | | | | | | | | |
| Affiliation fees | | 5,000 | | | | | | 5,000 | 4,000 |
| Subscriptions from Friends of Library | | | | | | | 2,140 | 2,140 | 1,377 |
| Interest receivable | 7 | 2,380 | 1 | 403 | 1,317 | 71 | 94 | 4,266 | 3,542 |
| Sales of publications, books and CDs | | | | | | 28,702 | 1,746 | 30,448 | 18,176 |
| Sales of jigsaw puzzles and prints | | | | 1,219 | | | | 1,219 | 1,223 |
| Sales of training video/dvd | | 60 | | | | | | 60 | 211 |
| Courses and seminars | | | 516 | | | | | 516 | 712 |
| Stock written back | | | | | | 2,595 | | 2,595 | 611 |
| Donations re Roll of Honour | 8 | 360 | | | | | | 360 | 710 |
| Donations re Christchurch Cathedral NZ | 8 | | | 4,570 | | | | 4,570 | 4,537 |
| Gift aid | | 81 | | 473 | | | 671 | 1,225 | 892 |
| Grant from PRS Foundation | 8 | 1,950 | | | | | | 1,950 | 4,800 |
| Other donations | | 556 | | 610 | | | 308 | 1,474 | 1,135 |
| **Total incoming resources** | | **10,387** | **517** | **7,275** | **1,317** | **31,368** | **4,959** | **55,823** | **41,926** |
| **Resources expended:** | | | | | | | | | |
| Council meeting | | 2,129 | | | | | | 2,129 | 2,330 |
| Committee expenses | 9 | 4,222 | | | | 207 | | 4,429 | 3,949 |
| Council and other committee costs | | | | | | 234 | | 234 | 359 |
| Courses and seminars | | | 56 | | | | | 56 | 1,280 |
| Cost of publications sold | | | | | | 13,788 | 678 | 14,466 | 10,498 |
| Library maintenance | | | | | | | 1,637 | 1,637 | 1,138 |
| Grants for bell restoration | 10 | | | 6,000 | 3,300 | | | 9,300 | 12,300 |
| Advertising | | | | | | 2,593 | 233 | 2,826 | 3,013 |
| Storage and distribution | 12 | | | | | 2,300 | | 2,300 | 2,200 |
| Stationery, postage & telephone | | 82 | | | | 65 | 791 | 938 | 698 |
| Insurance | | 1,945 | | | | 662 | | 2,607 | 2,585 |
| Stock write off provision | | | | | | 326 | | 326 | 1,875 |
| Stock written off and disposed of | | | | | | 1,782 | | 1,782 | 81 |
| Roll of Honour | | 441 | | | | | | 441 | 3,137 |
| New Music 20X12 project | | 753 | | | | | | 753 | 4,700 |
| Depreciation of Library Collection | | | | | | | 2,013 | 2,013 | 2,021 |
| Depreciation of shelving | | | | | | | 106 | 106 | 106 |
| Sundry expenses | | | | | | | | 0 | 358 |
| **Total resources expended** | | **9,572** | **56** | **6,000** | **3,300** | **21,957** | **5,458** | **46,343** | **52,628** |
| **Net I/c resources before transfers** | | **815** | **461** | **1,275** | **-1,983** | **9,411** | **-499** | **9,480** | **-10,702** |
| Transfers between funds | | | | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| **Net movement in funds** | | **815** | **461** | **1,275** | **-1,983** | **9,411** | **-499** | **9,480** | **-10,702** |
| Balances at 1st January 2012 | | 130,862 | 1,708 | 18,074 | 84,778 | 24,487 | 121,897 | 381,806 | 392,508 |
| **Balances at 31st December 2012** | | **131,677** | **2,169** | **19,349** | **82,795** | **33,898** | **121,398** | **391,286** | **381,806** |

**The Ringing World National Youth Contest**
**Saturday, 6th July 2013**
**at St Lawrence's Church, York**

**CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS**
Registered Charity Number 270036

**Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2012**

| | *General Fund* | *Education Courses* | *Bell Rest-oration Fund* | *F Dukes Internat'al Bell Fund* | *Public-ations Fund* | *Library Fund* | *Total Funds 2012* | *Total Funds 2011* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Fixed Assets** | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| **Tangible assets** | | | | | | | | |
| Investments at cost | 90,000 | | | 75,000 | | | 165,000 | 165,310 |
| Library Collection | | | | | | 97,042 | 97,042 | 99,055 |
| Library shelving | | | | | | 1,166 | 1,166 | 1,272 |
| **Total fixed assets** | **90,000** | **0** | **0** | **75,000** | **0** | **98,208** | **263,208** | **265,637** |
| **Current Assets** | | | | | | | | |
| Stock | | | | | 10,613 | 811 | 11,424 | 13,563 |
| Debtors and prepayments | 2,377 | | 352 | | 227 | 1,166 | 4,122 | 2,578 |
| Term deposits with bank | 33,000 | | 17,000 | | | | 50,000 | 0 |
| Cash on short term deposit and at bank | 7,126 | 2,169 | 1,997 | 7,795 | 23,321 | 21,213 | 63,621 | 104,085 |
| **Total current assets** | **42,503** | **2,169** | **19,349** | **7,795** | **34,161** | **23,190** | **129,167** | **120,226** |
| **Current Liabilities** | | | | | | | | |
| Creditors | | | | | | | | |
| Amounts due within one year | 826 | | | | 263 | 0 | 1,089 | 4,057 |
| **Net current assets** | **41,677** | **2,169** | **19,349** | **7,795** | **33,898** | **23,190** | **128,078** | **116,169** |
| **Total assets less current liabilities** | **131,677** | **2,169** | **19,349** | **82,795** | **33,898** | **121,398** | **391,286** | **381,806** |
| **Funds** | | | | | | | | |
| Unrestricted | 131,470 | | | | | | 131,470 | 130,574 |
| Unrestricted (designated) | 207 | 2,169 | | | 33,898 | | 36,274 | 29,418 |
| Restricted | | | 19,349 | 82,795 | | 121,398 | 223,542 | 221,814 |
| **Total Funds** | **131,677** | **2,169** | **19,349** | **82,795** | **33,898** | **121,398** | **391,286** | **381,806** |

Derek Harbottle
Hon Treasurer April 2013

## Administrative Committee

Since the 2012 Council meeting the Committee has met twice in London, in October and March. The Committee has continued its practice of reviewing the work of Council Committees and received presentations from the Publications Committee in October and the Information and Communications Technology Committee in March. In March Committee chairmen advised which members would be retiring under the provisions of rule 14 (i) and the committee sizes needed for next year. The arrangements for the 2013 Council meeting were discussed and agreed. Papers for the meeting will again be circulated electronically to those Council members with email.

**Change Ringing for the Future:** the Vice-President chaired an inter-committee forum on the recruitment, retention and training of ringers, continuing the work of the Wellesbourne conference held in 2011. A summary of their work to date is given below. It is anticipated that a fuller report from the forum and background papers will have been made available to members on the website by the time of the Council meeting for discussion at that meeting.

Other matters considered by the Committee included:

**Council Finances:** the General Fund was reviewed at both meetings, but with interest rates remaining low, expenditure continued to be greater than income. The level of the affiliation subscription was reviewed and, given the continuing structural deficit, the Committee recommended that the affiliation fee be increased to £30 per representative with effect from 1 January 2014. A motion appears on the agenda.

Appointment of Independent Examiner: during the year Richard Wallis indicated his intention to resign as one of the Council's Independent Examiners. The March meeting confirmed the appointment of Mrs Wendy Godden to serve the remainder of the term of office.

Application for affiliation: an application from the Barrow and District Society has been received and recommended by the Committee.

Rolling committee elections: the Committee reviewed the operation of rolling committee elections after the rule changes approved in 2008. Members agreed that it was too early to draw firm conclusions from the experience to date and that a further review would be held in several years' time.

Road Show 2014: the Committee accepted the proposal from the Public Relations Committee that the next Road Show be held at Newbury on Saturday 6 September 2014.

**Church Buildings Council (formerly Council for the Care of Churches) & English Heritage:** a meeting was held on 25 June 2012, attended also by the Committee for Redundant Bells. The main topics for discussion were metal thefts and the problems of bells in closed or closing churches. The Committee agreed that the Council should join the Alliance to Reduce Crime against Heritage (ARCH). The next meeting will be held on 17 June. The 2013 DAC bell advisers' conference will be held in York on 4 June.

**Ecclesiastical Insurance Group (EIG):** The next meeting with EIG to discuss matters of mutual interest will be held in April 2013. The minutes will be published in *The Ringing World.*

*Ex officio:*
KATE FLAVELL *(President)*
CHRIS MEW *(Vice-President)*
DEREK HARBOTTLE *(Treasurer)*
MARY BONE *(Secretary)*
ROBIN WALKER *(Assistant Secretary)*
RICHARD ALLTON *(Peal Records)*
STELLA BIANCO *(Library)*
MIKE CHESTER *(Information and Communications Technology)*
JAMES CLARKE *(Towers and Belfries)*
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BARRIE DOVE *(Public Relations)*
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CHRISTOPHER O'MAHONY *(Tower Stewardship)*
ROBIN SHIPP *(Bell Restoration)*

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FRED BONE
MICHAEL CHURCH
ALAN FROST
ROBERT LEWIS
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ANGELA NEWING
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JANE WILKINSON
PETER WILKINSON

### Appendix: Change Ringing for the Future

During the year a forum has been considering the rôle of the Council, its respective committees and the Ringing Foundation in respect of future recruitment, training and improvements to both the standard of ringing and public image of the Exercise. The forum, stemming from the Wellesbourne conference, comprised the following Council members: Elva Ainsworth, Mike Chester, John Couperthwaite, Roger Booth, Peter Dale, John Harrison, Norman Mattingley, Chris Mew (chair) and Pip Penney. Meetings were held in London and there was a teleconference and extensive exchange of email.

The outcome of the deliberations is a programme of initiatives starting later in 2013 with regional meetings to have two-way dialogue with local ringers and societies. This will be followed with a review of communication within the Exercise and outwardly to the public, a review of the operation of the Council with a view to improving its effectiveness in supporting local activities and ways in which ringing can be marketed to the public.

### Appendix

### Guidance for Central Council members in managing actual, potential or perceptions of conflicts of interest

Conflicts of interest can arise, or be perceived to exist, where members have a financial or other business interest in an organisation that operates within the arena of bellringing, hanging, manufacturing, restoration or maintenance of towers and bells, as well as other areas such as publishing or IT, referred to here as bell-related trades.

A business interest of this sort does not preclude Societies or the Council from electing such members to represent them or to hold office within the Council. However, for the avoidance of any possible misunderstanding, members are asked to follow this guidance.

1. The Council shall maintain a Register of Members Interests. All Council members shall advise the Hon Secretary of any financial or other business interest they have in any bell-related trades. In the event of uncertainty as to whether disclosure is needed, disclosure shall be made.
2. The Hon Secretary shall circulate the Register of Members Interests to the Council Officers and Committee Chairmen.
3. During the conduct of Council business, such as (but not limited to) the Council's annual meeting or committee meetings, members with such interests shall always declare any relevant interest in any proceedings.
4. Any concern arising from an interest not being declared shall be referred to either the President or the Vice-President who shall resolve the matter taking such advice as they consider necessary.

## Information and Communications Technology Committee

We continue to maintain and enhance the Council's website and to prepare for migrating it to the Joomla! content management system.

On behalf of the Biographies Committee Stuart Piper has added over a hundred new biographical records together with other addenda and updates. Stephen Nash has advised the Dove's Guide team on database issues. Andrew Craddock (consultant to this committee) continued to maintain post-1989 peal data for the Felstead database on behalf of the Peal Records Committee, and provided the Biographies Committee with peal data for deceased ringers. Paul Johnson of the Library Committee and Richard Allton, Chairman of the Peal Records Committee, continue to maintain their respective sections of the website. Except for *Dove's Guide*, the remainder continues to be supported by Peter Trotman, and we remain grateful to Aidan Hopkins for his skills and time spent administering our server.

For the future Joomla! system, Stephen Nash has developed a draft design and schema of the database, and Leigh Simpson has established a repository for the program code together with a staging server facility to be used for testing as the new site takes shape.

Peter Trotman has been heavily involved in learning how best to make use of Joomla! to assist content owners to add and maintain their own material. It is expected that initial tests with facilities for membership and biographical records will commence during the summer of 2013.

Meanwhile a very incomplete demonstration of its eventual appearance can be viewed at: **http://www.cccbrd.org.uk/** The easy part is the transfer of pages with relatively static textual information, exemplified by the sample pages of the Public Relations Committee shown in this demonstration. A lot more effort will be required to provide easy maintenance for the more complex pages which are dependent on changeable data such as contact information, Committee and society memberships, and biographical information.

MIKE CHESTER *(Chairman)*
ALAN CHANTLER
STUART PIPER
STEPHEN NASH
LEIGH SIMPSON
PETER TROTMAN

## Library Committee

The Committee is focused on the "Outreach Day" to be held on 23 February 2013 at Wellesbourne, which has been well advertised in the ringing media. It promises to be a lively day with three speakers, who regularly contribute articles to *The Ringing World* (ie John Eisel, Chris Pickford and Chris Ridley), plus time to buy/sell/share treasures and gossip.

This will be the first chance to examine a range of *surplus books from the Council Library, which are to be offered for sale by auction during 2013 (e.g. bound volumes of *Church Bells*, *Bell News* and early *RW*s, plus 50 other items, including county books and early texts). Alan Glover, Library Steward, is managing the auction. Details will be published in *The Ringing World* on 1 March.

[*The library holds at least three copies of each item. They are being disposed of to free up shelf space in accordance with an agreement reached at the Central Council meeting in 1959: 'It was agreed that the librarian be given power to dispose of copies in excess of two of books in the Library printed since 1850.']

At the time of writing this report, John Eisel was at an advanced stage of preparing the text of the next volume of newspaper extracts for publication. This will be called *Order and Disorder in the early Nineteenth Century. 1800-1829*. The book will be about the same length as the first volume, and it is expected that it will be published about the middle of the year, possibly in time for the Central Council meeting.

**Ringing World DVD Volume II 1941-1970**. Unfortunately, Paul Johnson has experienced various problems with the scanning process. The revised plan is to have the DVD available for sale at the 2013 Council meeting in Guildford. Our other publications continue to sell well, including the Supplement to Order and Disorder in the Eighteenth Century, *Bell News* DVD, the two Ringing Periodicals CD and the Library Catalogue. See the CCCBR Library Committee website, including special prices for Friends.

At the Chester Council Meeting the Library Committee was asked to refer to its accounts in its annual report. The accounts are submitted to the Council Hon Treasurer and, following checking by the independent examiners, appear in summary in the Council's accounts. They are also published in the annual Newsletter for the Friends of the Library, whose subscriptions fund projects such as printed publications and DVDs. Copies of the accounts are available on request from Ian Self.

Two committee meetings were held in March and October. We are pleased to welcome Jenny Lawrence (Hereford D.G.), who joined the Committee at the Chester Council Meeting. The "Outreach Day" will be her first opportunity to meet the Committee members. Greg Morris has been assisting the Library Steward by cataloguing items of correspondence and ephemera.

Several people kindly offered to assist with converting our stock of old recordings held on records, cassettes and videos to DVD. We hope to progress this work in 2013.

We thank the Friends of the Library for their subscriptions, which endorse the work the Library Committee undertakes. Also, the eight Friends who have taken up the offer of Life Membership – this is most encouraging. Ian Self is the Friends co-ordinator.

John Eisel kindly wrote his 20th Essay for the Friends entitled "The Gothic Traveller" – earlier essays can be read on the committee's website.

The Steward has concentrated on getting better acquainted with the collection and how it could be more accessibly catalogued. During 2012 sixteen items were borrowed and 116 queries were dealt with by sending scans or written replies. In May, a book which had been borrowed in July 2006 was finally returned. There are now no overdue books.

Early in the year we heard that the firm in Worcester which had done the Library's binding and maintenance work was to close. Luckily, the principals have set up again as The Binding Place in new premises and continue to offer helpful advice, good workmanship and reasonable prices. We have been able to have eighteen volumes of reports and six volumes of newsletters bound, together with fourteen other items (of which ten were volumes of the copy of the Trollope manuscript). The bindings of four items were repaired.

We were offered the peal book of Edward Hadlow by Richard Berthelsdorf in America. This turned out to be the tower peal book for Gravesend, St George, from their recasting in 1923, rather than a personal peal book. After discussion, and after receiving assurances about its storage and accessibility, it was agreed that it should be passed on to the Kent County Association. This was done at the Council meeting in Chester.

Chris Rogers brought various items from his father's collection along to the Council meeting in Chester. The most splendid was the original of the London County Association membership certificate, designed and drawn by E. A. Young. This has been remounted, re-glazed in its original frame and hangs in the Library.

In addition to the annual reports which we have received, 92 items have been added to the catalogue in 2012. We are most grateful to those who have donated books, articles and manuscripts.

STELLA BIANCO (*Chairman*)
ALAN GLOVER (*Library Steward*)
JENNY LAWRENCE
GREGORY MORRIS
PAUL JOHNSON
IAN SELF

## Methods Committee

The Methods Committee has met once face-to-face this year and has corresponded throughout the year via an on-line mailing list. Our principal task is to advise on questions arising from the technical Decisions of this Council, and in this rôle we have proposed an amendment to the Decision on Record Lengths as a result of peals rung at Cambridge in June.

As in previous years the Committee has maintained the methods pages in *The Ringing World Diary*. This year we revised the touches of Grandsire and Stedman Cinques, as well as making a few other changes in conjunction with the Compositions Committee. This means that we have now revised all the methods-related pages in the Diary. There was some discussion in *The Ringing World* during the year about the traditional "Standard 8" surprise major methods and the reluctance of ringers to learn anything more, once they have mastered them. We are therefore planning to add some further treble dodging major methods to the Diary. We hope that this will encourage 8-bell bands to widen their repertoire.

The number of methods that have been rung and named has now passed the 17,500 mark, and details of all these methods can be viewed in the Central Council methods collections at **www.methods.org.uk** and are also available in text and XML file formats. Once again, we would like to record our thanks to Tony Smith for keeping these collections current. They provide an invaluable resource for ringers and Tony updates them on a weekly basis.

The Committee is working on a revised description of method extensions, and sees a need for resources that will appeal to technically-minded ringers, particularly younger ones. We would welcome suggestions and contributions in this area.

Throughout the year we have continued to answer a regular stream of enquiries about method names, Central Council Decisions and other matters received on the committee's email address: **methods@cccbr.org.uk**.

Finally we would like to pay tribute to Roger Bailey, who was a member of this Committee from 1990 to 2009. We benefited immensely from Roger's knowledge of ringing, and his presence livened up our meetings enormously; he was never slow in voicing his opinions on technical matters. He also did a lot of work for us typesetting the methods pages in the diary.

PETER NIBLETT (*Chairman*)
HENRY COGGILL
RICHARD EDWARDS
STEPHEN JONES
PHILIP SADDLETON
ROBIN WOOLLEY

# Peal Records Committee

## The Peals Analysis

We have recorded a total of 5100 peals rung in 2012 and published in *The Ringing World* up to March 1st, of which 4368 were on tower bells and 732 handbells. The revised total for 2011 is 5043, an increase of 13. Full details are included in the methods table that accompanies this report. The Yorkshire Association is the leading society with 294, a few more than the next society, the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who rang 241. The Chester Guild is once again the leading society for handbell peals with 102. Seventeen affiliated societies rang 100 or more peals in 2012. Please see separate table for details of peals rung for individual societies.

There are a number of peals known to have been rung but not yet published in *The Ringing World*. We would encourage the organisers and conductors of peals to submit their peals for publication promptly, and then ensure that they are printed as expected.

## Record peals

There were four record peals rung in 2012, three on tower bells and one in hand, together with a number of other peals over 10000 changes. The record peals are detailed in the Records table below.

It was with much regret that we had to confirm that two of the four peals of 10000 changes rung in hand at Cambridge on 16 June did not comply with the Decisions for Record Length peals as detailed below. It was a tremendous effort to ring four such peals, and we congratulate them on their achievement.

## Peals not complying with the Decisions on Peal Ringing

We have identified the following performances published in *The Ringing World* as peals that do not comply with Decision D (Parts A-D) relating to peal ringing. These have not been included in the totals in the remainder of our report:

10 May: Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex, The Wickham Ring, 5120 Rutland Surprise Major – was rung on dumbbells using a simulator.

15 June: Cambridge, 16 Godesdone Road, 10368 Cambridge Surprise Major – does not comply with Decision D (D) relating to Record Length Peals.

15 June: Cambridge, 16 Godesdone Road, 10080 Cambridge Surprise Minor – does not comply with Decision D (D) relating to Record Length Peals.

22 November: Cambridge, St Mary the Great, 5040 Spliced Maximus – does not comply with Decision D (A)11, as not all the methods rung conform to the Definitions and Requirements given in Part A of the Decisions on Methods and Calls.

## Leading Towers

The following 77 towers had 10 or more peals in 2012: (78 in 2011):-

52 City of London (St Magnus, Lower Thames Street), Thorverton
40 Ipswich (Old Stoke, The Wolery)
39 Huntsham
34 Leeds, W Yorks (St Anne)
30 Milton, Dordrecht ('t Klockhuys)
29 Bishopstoke, Meldreth
27 Awbridge (Clock House Bells), Sheffield (Dore)
26 Birmingham (Cathedral)
24 Bishopsteignton (Bishops Ting Tong), Worcester (St Martin in the Cornmarket)
23 Shepton Beauchamp
22 Maidstone (All Saints), Shoreditch
21 Belper, Keele (Woodlands), City of London (Garlickhythe), Longcot, Maidstone (St Michael), Marston Bigot (Pig le Tower), Oxford (St Thomas)
20 East Huntspill (Little Orchard Tower)
19 Burnley (St Peter), Thatcham
18 Burghill, Spitalfields, Terling
17 Grundisburgh, Sproxton, Warnham (Bell Meadow Peal)
16 Church Lawford (The Plantagenet Ring), Saltby
15 Hughenden, City of London (St Katherine Cree, Leadenhall Street), City of London (St Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside), Stratton St Margaret
14 Bradford Peverell, Harrogate (St Wilfrid), Liverpool (Garston), Middleton (Gtr Man), Wedmore (The Bakery Tower)
13 Cambridge (St Mary), Campton
12 Burton Latimer, Cadoxton juxta Neath, Hexham, Sefton, Winford, Worcester (All Saints)
11 Bristol (St John), Bushey, Chilcompton (St John), Croydon (South Croydon), Exeter (Pinhoe), Exmouth (Withycombe Raleigh), City of London (St Michael Cornhill), Lundy Island, Newcastle upon Tyne (Cathedral), Pershore (Parish Centre), Rotherham (All Saints), Rothwell (Nhants), Stisted
10 Amersham, Barrow Gurney, Basingstoke (All Saints), Bristol (Cathedral), Cambridge (Trumpington), East Ilsley, Halifax (St John), Leicester (St Mary de Castro), Liverpool (Pier Head), Northallerton, Ticknall, Walkden.

There were also 22 handbell venues where 10 or more peals were rung 2012.

## First pealers and firsts as conductor

We have noted 191 people who rang their first peal in 2012 (159 in 2011) and 35 firsts as conductor (27 in 2011). We congratulate all those involved in these performances particularly where several firsts were included in one peal.

These numbers are higher than those for the last couple of years and in the case of first pealers, the highest since 2004, although still significantly below the totals for each of the years 2000 – 2004. It was anticipated in last year's report that the Diamond Jubilee and London Olympics would be likely to boost the 2012 numbers and this is borne out in the case of the Jubilee by there being 38 first pealers on the four days of the June Bank Holiday weekend. However there were fewer first pealers in July and August combined (12) than the average per month for the rest of the year excluding the Jubilee ones (13) so it is clear that the Olympics did not provide such a boost but in fact reduced the numbers – perhaps everyone was attending them or watching on television!

The number of firsts as conductor has fluctuated over the past ten years but the total for 2012 is in line with the totals in recent years so the Jubilee and Olympics had little effect on these.

This data is taken from *Pealbase* and the committee would like to thank Andrew Craddock for his excellent resource.

## Corrections to the 2011 Analysis

There are a number of alterations to the 2011 Analysis owing to late publication which are detailed below.

Corrections relate to tower bells except where specified.

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|---|---|
| Chester | Major +1 |
| Essex | Major +1 |
| Leicester | Royal +1 (handbells) |
| London University | Major +1 |
| Middlesex & London Diocesan Guild | Doubles/Minor +1, Caters +1 |
| North American | Minor +1 (handbells), Major +1, Caters +1 |
| Yorkshire | Minor +1 |
| Non Association | Minor +1 |
| Non-Affiliated | Major +2 |

The amended methods analysis for 2011 is shown in the 2012 methods table, which forms part of this report. Revised totals for 2011 are: tower bells 4299, handbells 744, total 5043.

## The Felstead Project

During the year the work of maintaining the accuracy of the Felstead database has continued. Now that John Eisel has access to a number of eighteenth and nineteenth century newspapers on line, he has been able to supply details enabling some 260 previously unrecorded peals to be added and corrections made to 44 others. Details supplied by other ringers have resulted in a further three peals being added and corrections being made to some 56 others. Alan Glover has been very helpful in answering a number of queries by reference to materials in the library; this has enabled a number of corrections to be made and the committee is grateful to all who have in any way contributed to the accuracy of the database.

Judging by the number of notifications that continue to be received and the on-going researches taking place, there is still much to be done before the database can be said to be 100% accurate.

Andrew Craddock continues to be responsible for all the data for post-1989 peals and downloads the data regularly from *The Ringing World, Bellboard* and *Campanophile* websites; the committee wishes to thank him for doing this important work.

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## First peals in methods rung on Tower Bells

January
2 5056 Langsett S Major Yorkshire A
2 5060 Bradfield S Major Yorkshire A
3 5088 Mount Everest S Major S'well & Nottm DG
4 5088 St Blaise Society S Major S Blaise Soc
4 5088 Bus Pass S Major Hertford CA
7 5088 Rupert D Major Kent CA
7 5120 St Hilda's D Major ANZAB
12 5040 Fionn Bheinn D Royal G Devonshire Ringers
15 5088 Swindon Town S Major SRCY
16 5152 Jewellery Porter TP Major St Martin's G
17 5076 Hillsborough A Royal Kent CA
18 5152 Fulwood D Major Yorkshire A
19 5056 Hughenden D Major Amersham Guild
21 5040 Mistley S Minor Essex A
21 5040 Appleby S Minor Win & Ports DG
24 5040 Parsonby S Royal S'well & Nottm DG
26 5088 Vicars Cross TB Major Dorset CA
26 5124 Dowsby Fen A Major Lincoln DG
26 5152 Ribblehead D Major Lancashire A
29 5024 Narrow Boat S Major Yorkshire A
30 5056 Broadgate S Major St James' G

February
1 5088 Burnham D Major Amersham Guild
1 5040 Eagle S Minor Bev & Dist Soc
3 5056 Dipton Delight D Major D&N DA
4 5077 Woodfine D Royal OUS
9 5040 Old King Roger S Royal G Devonshire Ringers
9 5120 Waikikamukau? TB Major Dorset CA
9 5088 Froxfield D Major Glos & Bristol DA
11 5056 Cockup Bridge TP Major Ely DA
11 5027 Spliced Major & Caters Win & Ports DG
13 5056 Bulbourne S Major St James' G
16 5070 Warwickshire A Major Lincoln DG
22 5056 Buckland D Major Oxford DG
25 5088 Devonport Royal Dockyard S Major ASCY
27 5088 Cliviger S Major Lancashire A
28 5004 Quarryford A Royal S'well & Nottm DG
29 5152 Leap D Major Yorkshire A

March
1 5040 Hansford County D Royal G Devonshire Ringers
2 5088 Jolly Hockey Sticks D Major G Devonshire Ringers
3 5152 Isla S Major Sussex CA
6 5184 Stone Circle S Major Guildford DG
7 5152 Helpringham Fen S Major Lincoln DG
8 5120 Purton D Major Glos & Bris DA
9 5184 East Dundry D Major Glos & Bris DA
15 5152 Wissington D Major Non-Association
16 5152 Jacob's Wells D Major Glos & Bris DA
17 5040 Babworth S Minor Win & Ports DG
17 5040 Ecclesfield S Royal ASCY
22 5088 Bradenham S Major Amersham Guild
29 5040 Chiltern Hills S Royal Amersham Guild
29 5088 Terra Nova D Major S Blaise Soc
31 5088 Charcott S Major Oxford DG
31 5088 Duke Street S Major Lancashire A
31 5184 Dyngalyng S Major Norwich DA

April
2 5040 Barnoldswick TB Minor Lancashire A
3 5054 Jacob's Wells A Royal S'well & Nottm DG
11 5152 Bradway D Major Yorkshire A
15 5088 Diamond Jubilee S Major Glos & Bris DA
16 5024 Buntingford D Major St James' G
16 5152 Kenilworth TB Major Coventry DG
17 5184 Kolsås S Major Yorkshire A
17 5088 Ranikhet S Major Glos & Bris DA
18 5088 White Star S Major S Blaise Soc
21 5040 Queenhill S Minor Win & Ports DG
21 5040 Redcar S Minor Win & Ports DG
24 5066 Xebec A Royal S'well & Nottm DG
25 5056 Stoke Poges D Major Amersham Guild
26 5184 Xanthippe TB Major Dorset CA
26 5000 Leicestershire D Royal Leicester DG
29 5280 Octavion D Major Guildford DG

May
4 5088 Olympic S Major Glos & Bristol DA
4 5000 Northamptonshire D Royal Peterborough DG
5 5040 St Agatha B Caters G St Agatha
10 5056 Your Majesty's D Major Glos & Bristol DA
12 5000 Leeds D Royal Glos & Bristol DA
12 5012 Heckington Fen A Major Lincoln DG
14 5088 Northchurch D Major St James' G
16 5152 Greystones S Major Yorkshire A
19 5056 Coleshill D Major Amersham Guild
19 5054 East Anglia A Royal S'well & Nottm DG
23 5024 Jumper's Town S Major Sussex CA
26 5152 Wolverley D Major Worcs & District A
27 5088 Whitsun D Major Glos & Bristol DA
28 5184 Eglwys Newydd S Major Llandaff & Mon D A
30 5040 Everton S Minor Win & Ports DG
30 5184 Lindrick Dale S Major Yorkshire A
31 5040 Diamond A Major S Blaise Soc

June
1 5080 Elizabethan D Royal Glos & Bristol DA
2 5056 Symposium S Major Yorkshire A
3 5040 Diamond B Triples Lich & Wal A S
3 5088 Aurora Australis S Major ANZAB
4 5056 Aylesbury D Major Oxford DG
5 5012 Regina A Major S'well & Nottm DG
11 5088 Marsworth S Major St James' G
13 5024 Felton S Major Bath & Wells DA
14 5184 Ysbyty Ystwyth TB Major Dorset CA
16 5080 Man of Kent S Royal Kent CA
16 5120 Frensham Pond S Major Guildford DG
20 5056 Clanfield D Major Oxford DG
21 5070 Solstice A Major Lincoln DG
21 5070 Vickerstown A Major S'well & Nottm DG
25 5152 Jubilee Green D Major Derby DA
26 5112 Redshore A Royal S'well & Nottm DG
27 5152 Dungworth D Major Yorkshire A
29 5040 Olympic D Royal Derby DA
30 5000 Ranmoor D Royal Yorkshire A

July
3 5100 Omicron A Major S'well & Nottm DG
4 5152 Higgs Boson S Major Yorkshire A
6 5088 Thornhill D Major Glos & Bris DA
7 5120 Scary Canary S Major ANZAB
8 5040 Leeds Parish Church 2012 S Maximus Yorkshire A
8 5150 Rabbit Hole A Royal Oxford Soc
8 5800 City of York D Royal Yorkshire A
11 5024 Stoke Poges S Major Amersham Guild
17 5040 New Inn A Major S Blaise Soc
18 5040 Greenfinch B Triples Suffolk G
19 5152 Kyneburgha S Major Lincoln DG
21 5040 Welbourn A Major Lincoln DG
21 5056 Karen's D Major Coventry DG
23 5184 Morgannwg S Major Llandaff & Mon D A
25 5152 Mam Tor D Major Yorkshire A
26 5088 Zip Down TB Major Dorset CA
30 5040 Birstall A Major Leicester DG

August
2 5008 Raglan Castle S Major Dorset CA
7 5040 Braeriach D Royal G Devonshire Ringers
7 5016 Templetown A Major S'well & Nottm DG
9 5152 Olympian S Major Glos & Bris DA
9 5056 Huchedene D Major Amersham Guild
11 5040 Darfield S Minor Win & Ports DG
11 5040 Fyfield S Minor Win & Ports DG
16 5009 Shrewsbury Castle S Major Dorset CA
20 5040 St Thomas D Royal Oxford Soc
20 5152 Quorndon S Major Freehold S
22 5152 Thurlby Fen S Major Lincoln DG
22 5088 St Leonard S Major Lancashire A
24 5088 Pippin D Major Glos & Bris DA
26 5040 Viewfield A Royal S'well & Nottm DG
27 5040 Kent TB Fourteen Barrow & District Soc
28 5112 Knipton A Royal S'well & Nottm DG

September
1 5088 Martinstown D Major S Northants S
6 5040 Ipplepen D Royal G Devonshire Ringers
7 5040 Williamstorp S Royal Peterboro DG
8 5000 Ecclesfield D Royal Yorkshire A
10 5088 Meadow D Major Sussex CA
14 5152 Flerovium S Major Bath & Wells DA
15 5024 Spliced Variable Cover Major & Caters ASCY
20 5152 Kirton-in-Lindsey S Major Lich & Dist S
25 5016 Natrolite A Royal S'well & Nottm DG
26 5152 Fifty D Major Yorkshire A
26 5070 Noon A Major Lincoln DG
30 5056 Rokeby S Major Yorkshire A

October
2 5088 Great Orchard D Major Bath & Wells DA
8 5026 Radlett D Major St James' G
11 5010 Restormel Castle S Major Dorset CA
13 5040 Layer-de-la Haye S Minor Essex A
16 5184 Highweek D Major G Devonshire Ringers
18 5040 Castor A Major Lich & Dist S
18 5011 Tintagel Castle S Major Dorset CA
20 5152 Uppingham D Major Lincoln DG
20 5088 Diamond Jubilee D Major Bath & Wells DA
25 5040 Luinne Bheinn D Royal G Devonshire Ringers

November
1 5012 Berry Pomeroy Castle S Major Dorset CA
3 5152 Ryecroft D Major Yorkshire A
4 5120 Naccolt S Royal SRCY
7 5088 Saint Eimhin S Major Dorset CA
8 5088 Wanborough D Major Glos & Bris DA
8 5088 Ray Valley D Major Glos & Bris DA
8 5040 Carn Mor Dearg D Royal G Devonshire Ringers
9 5152 Livermorium S Major Glos & Bris DA
14 5088 Baston Fen D Major Lincoln DG
17 5152 Charter D Major Ely DA
22 5013 Abergavenny Castle S Major Dorset CA
22 5120 Wyggeston D Royal Leicester DG
23 5184 Quagmire D Major Glos & Bris DA
25 5042 Uttoxeter D Maximus Yorkshire A
27 5016 Parkway A Royal S'well & Nottm DG
28 5026 Bryant's Bottom D Major Amersham Guild
28 5152 Apple D Major Yorkshire A
29 5014 No.5014 Goodrich Castle S Major Dorset CA

December
5 5120 Little Bytham S Major Lich & Dist S
7 5040 Mawsley S Royal Peterboro DG
8 5040 Westwood S Minor Salisbury DG
8 5280 Avia D Major Bath & Wells DA
13 5024 Mangotsfield D Major Glos & Bris DA
14 5152 Vermeil D Major Glos & Bris DA
16 5120 Christmas Time D Major Bath & Wells DA
16 5152 Walsden S Major Lancashire A
17 5088 Stoke TB Major Coventry DG
20 5024 Quaranti D Major Lancashire A
20 5040 Advent A Major Lincoln DG
22 5024 Edison D Major Yorkshire A
24 5152 Bovey Tracey Ringers D Major G Devonshire Ringers
28 5056 New Mills S Major Yorkshire A
29 5152 Yewtree D Major S'well & Nottm DG
31 5184 Azura D Maximus Non-Association
31 5016 New Year's Eve Little A Major D&N DA

## First peals in methods rung on Handbells

January
2 5152 Marple D Major Leicester DG
23 5040 Kakadu D Maximus Leicester DG

February
5 5184 Quethiock S Major Win & Ports DG
6 5056 St Trinian's S Major Middx CA & Lon DG
22 5152 Bowden D Major Leicester DG
27 5040 Hitcham D Maximus Leicester DG

March
28 5152 Nevada D Major Leicester DG

April
1 5040 Titanic Triples Derby DA
2 5040 Zhongshan S Royal Leicester DG
3 5040 Warwickshire S Royal Win & Ports DG
10 5056 Painswick S Major Win & Ports DG
11 5040 White Ram S Royal Oxford DG
25 5056 Oaxaca D Major Leicester DG
30 5088 Bedford Park S Major Middx CA & Lon DG

May
7 5120 Pontefract D Major Leicester DG

June
13 5040 Staplehurst D Royal Oxford DG
27 5040 Kinloss S Royal Oxford DG

July
2 5152 Zebrina D Major Leicester DG

August
29 5040 Riggwelter S Royal Oxford DG

October
17 5040 Jamboree S Royal Oxford DG

November
14 5040 Verulamium S Royal Leicester DG

| 2012 | TOWER | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | HAND | | | | | | | | | |
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| Society | 4 | 5 | 5/6 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 8/9 | 9 | 9/10 | 10 | 10/11 | 11 | 11/ 12 | 12 | 14 | 15 | 16 | Tower total | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 14 | Hand Total | Society Total |
| Ancient Society of College Youths | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 7 | 61 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 35 | 1 | 21 | 3 | 45 | 2 | 0 | 2 | **210** | 0 | 2 | 0 | 16 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | **26** | **236** |
| Australia & New Zealand Association | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **20** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **5** | **25** |
| Bath & Wells Diocesan Association | 0 | 13 | 0 | 56 | 9 | 117 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 34 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **242** | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **3** | **245** |
| Bedfordshire Association | 0 | 2 | 0 | 19 | 1 | 18 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **43** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **43** |
| Beverley & District Society | 0 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **15** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **15** |
| Bristol University Society | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **9** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **2** | **11** |
| Cambridge University Guild | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **8** | 0 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **10** | **18** |
| Carlisle Diocesan Guild | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **3** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **3** |
| Central Council | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **4** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **4** |
| Chester Diocesan Guild | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 1 | 25 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **48** | 0 | 9 | 0 | 55 | 0 | 28 | 0 | 10 | 0 | **102** | **150** |
| Coventry Diocesan Guild | 0 | 2 | 0 | 16 | 2 | 31 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **53** | 0 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **10** | **63** |
| Derby Diocesan Association | 0 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 36 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **66** | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 0 | **14** | **80** |
| Devonshire Guild | 0 | 1 | 0 | 54 | 3 | 86 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 36 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **202** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **4** | **206** |
| Dorset County Association | 0 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 1 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **49** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **49** |
| Durham & Newcastle Diocesan Association | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 38 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **59** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **5** | **64** |
| Durham University Society | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **4** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **4** |
| Ely Diocesan Association | 1 | 2 | 0 | 19 | 1 | 66 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **96** | 0 | 1 | 0 | 14 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 0 | **29** | **125** |
| Essex Association | 1 | 3 | 0 | 43 | 2 | 43 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **100** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **100** |
| Four Shires Guild | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **2** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **2** |
| Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association | 0 | 8 | 0 | 24 | 9 | 90 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **161** | 0 | 7 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **23** | **184** |
| Guildford Diocesan Guild | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 27 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **53** | 0 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **19** | **72** |
| Hereford Diocesan Guild | 0 | 21 | 0 | 23 | 5 | 46 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **104** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **19** | **123** |
| Hertford County Association | 0 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 26 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **50** | 0 | 10 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **26** | **76** |
| Irish Association | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **5** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **5** |
| Kent County Association | 0 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 5 | 46 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **102** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **102** |
| Ladies' Guild | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **4** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **4** |
| Lancashire Association | 1 | 3 | 0 | 37 | 4 | 111 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 49 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | **222** | 0 | 11 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **16** | **238** |
| Leicester Diocesan Guild | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 27 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **44** | 1 | 8 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 10 | 1 | **62** | **106** |
| Lichfield & Walsall Archdeaconries Society | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 3 | 18 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **42** | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **5** | **47** |
| Lincoln Diocesan Guild | 0 | 1 | 1 | 30 | 0 | 49 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **84** | 0 | 2 | 0 | 29 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0 | **42** | **126** |
| Liverpool Universities Society | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **2** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **2** |
| Llandaff & Monmouth Diocesan Association | 0 | 13 | 0 | 12 | 4 | 18 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **57** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | **16** | **73** |
| London University Society | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **8** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **2** | **10** |
| Middlesex County Association & London Diocesan Guild | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 10 | 20 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **45** | 0 | 0 | 1 | 24 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **26** | **71** |
| National Guild of Police Ringers | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **2** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **2** |
| North American Guild | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **22** | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **10** | **32** |
| North Staffordshire Association | 0 | 1 | 0 | 17 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **28** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **28** |
| North Wales Association | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **3** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **3** |
| Norwich Diocesan Association | 0 | 4 | 1 | 20 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **45** | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **8** | **53** |
| Oxford Diocesan Guild | 0 | 4 | 0 | 28 | 13 | 78 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **151** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 0 | 42 | 0 | 25 | 0 | **90** | **241** |
| Oxford Society | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **25** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **25** |
| Oxford University Society | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **5** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **5** |
| Peterborough Diocesan Guild | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **30** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **30** |
| Salisbury Diocesan Guild | 0 | 4 | 0 | 26 | 3 | 14 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **51** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **51** |
| Scottish Association | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **30** | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **6** | **36** |
| Shropshire Association | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **7** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **7** |
| Society of Royal Cumberland Youths | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 2 | 121 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **187** | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **5** | **192** |
| Southwell & Nottingham Diocesan Guild | 1 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 1 | 53 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **125** | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **1** | **126** |
| St Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 5 | 14 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **60** | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **16** | **76** |
| Suffolk Guild | 1 | 14 | 0 | 39 | 9 | 73 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **147** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **147** |
| Surrey Association | 1 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 26 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **54** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **54** |
| Sussex County Association | 0 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 38 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **62** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **62** |
| Swansea & Brecon Diocesan Guild | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **16** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **16** |
| Truro Diocesan Guild | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 19 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **33** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **0** | **33** |
| Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild | 0 | 2 | 0 | 20 | 6 | 39 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **112** | 0 | 8 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | **33** | **145** |
| Worcestershire & Districts Association | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 16 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **28** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **2** | **30** |
| Yorkshire Association | 0 | 4 | 0 | 31 | 7 | 149 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 38 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **278** | 0 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **16** | **294** |
| ***Sub-total - Affiliated*** | ***7*** | ***130*** | ***3*** | ***763*** | ***171*** | ***1762*** | ***2*** | ***125*** | ***1*** | ***451*** | ***1*** | ***79*** | ***6*** | ***211*** | ***3*** | ***0*** | ***2*** | ***3717*** | ***2*** | ***90*** | ***19*** | ***323*** | ***4*** | ***154*** | ***5*** | ***55*** | ***1*** | ***653*** | ***4370*** |
| Non Association | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 2 | 46 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 29 | 0 | 29 | 2 | 65 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **192** | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | **8** | **200** |
| Non-Affiliated | 1 | 13 | 1 | 76 | 9 | 263 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 42 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 23 | 2 | 1 | 0 | **459** | 0 | 27 | 2 | 19 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 11 | 0 | **71** | **530** |
| **Totals** | **8** | **143** | **4** | **850** | **182** | **2071** | **2** | **148** | **1** | **522** | **1** | **121** | **8** | **299** | **5** | **1** | **2** | **4368** | **2** | **119** | **21** | **345** | **5** | **167** | **6** | **66** | **1** | **732** | **5100** |
| Non-compliant simulator | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **1** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **-** | **1** |

# Analysis of Peals by method and change on year

| | TOWER | | | HAND | | | TOTAL | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2012 | 2011 | +/- | 2012 | 2011 | +/- | 2012 | 2011 | +/- |
| ***Sixteen*** | **2** | **5** | **-3** | **0** | **0** | | **2** | **5** | **-3** |
| ***Septuples*** | **1** | **1** | | **0** | **0** | | **1** | **1** | |
| ***Fourteen*** | **5** | **2** | **+3** | **1** | **1** | | **6** | **3** | **+3** |
| ***Sextuples/Fourteen*** | **0** | **0** | | **0** | **0** | | **0** | **0** | |
| ***Sextuples*** | **0** | **1** | **-1** | **0** | **0** | | **0** | **1** | **-1** |
| ***Maximus*** | | | | | | | | | |
| Spliced S | 22 | 28 | | 13 | 9 | | 35 | 37 | |
| Other Spliced | 36 | 17 | | 2 | 5 | | 38 | 22 | |
| Bristol Surprise | 87 | 63 | | 11 | 10 | | 98 | 73 | |
| Cambridge Surprise | 58 | 60 | | 13 | 7 | | 71 | 67 | |
| Yorkshire Surprise | 54 | 37 | | 7 | 6 | | 61 | 43 | |
| Other Single Surprise | 27 | 37 | | 7 | 12 | | 34 | 49 | |
| Other | 15 | 16 | | 13 | 9 | | 28 | 25 | |
| ***Total*** | **299** | **258** | **+41** | **66** | **58** | **+8** | **365** | **316** | **+49** |
| ***Cinques/Maximus*** | **8** | **10** | **-2** | **0** | **2** | **-2** | **8** | **12** | **-4** |
| ***Cinques*** | | | | | | | | | |
| Stedman | 103 | 105 | | 6 | 4 | | 109 | 109 | |
| Other | 18 | 11 | | 0 | 0 | | 18 | 11 | |
| ***Total*** | **121** | **116** | **+5** | **6** | **4** | **+2** | **127** | **120** | **+7** |
| ***Royal/Cinques*** | **1** | **0** | **+1** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **1** | **0** | **+1** |
| ***Royal*** | | | | | | | | | |
| Spliced Surprise | 44 | 58 | | 18 | 19 | | 62 | 77 | |
| Other Spliced | 3 | 3 | | 2 | 1 | | 5 | 4 | |
| Kent Treble Bob Royal | 0 | 0 | | 31 | | | 31 | | |
| Cambridge Surprise | 72 | 86 | | 35 | 23 | | 107 | 108 | |
| Yorkshire Surprise | 68 | 82 | | 15 | 29 | | 83 | 111 | |
| Bristol Surprise | 65 | 85 | | 16 | 6 | | 81 | 91 | |
| London No.3 Surprise | 51 | 49 | | 3 | 8 | | 54 | 57 | |
| Lincolnshire Surprise | 18 | 19 | | 10 | 11 | | 28 | 30 | |
| Other Surprise | 134 | 121 | | 17 | 18 | | 151 | 142 | |
| Single Delight | 34 | 43 | | 4 | 4 | | 38 | 45 | |
| Other | 33 | 11 | | 16 | 26 | | 49 | 37 | |
| ***Total*** | **522** | **557** | **-35** | **167** | **145** | **+22** | **689** | **702** | **-13** |
| ***Caters/Royal*** | **1** | **7** | **-6** | **0** | **1** | **-1** | **1** | **8** | **-7** |
| ***Caters*** | | | | | | | | | |
| Grandsire | 59 | 58 | | 1 | 1 | | 60 | 59 | |
| Stedman | 77 | 87 | | 4 | 4 | | 81 | 91 | |
| Other | 12 | 11 | | 0 | 1 | | 12 | 12 | |
| ***Total*** | **148** | **156** | **-8** | **5** | **6** | **-1** | **153** | **162** | **-9** |
| ***Caters/Major*** | **2** | **0** | **+2** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **2** | **0** | **+2** |
| ***Major*** | | | | | | | | | |
| Spliced Surprise | 351 | 350 | | 70 | 54 | | 421 | 404 | |
| Other Spliced | 9 | 9 | | 9 | 8 | | 18 | 17 | |
| Yorkshire Surprise | 160 | 188 | | 57 | 50 | | 217 | 238 | |
| Bristol Surprise | 233 | 221 | | 20 | 27 | | 253 | 248 | |
| Cambridge Surprise | 100 | 121 | | 19 | 24 | | 120 | 145 | |
| London Surprise | 71 | 64 | | 7 | 5 | | 78 | 69 | |
| Superlative Surprise | 59 | 59 | | 7 | 11 | | 66 | 70 | |

| | TOWER | | | HAND | | | TOTAL | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2012 | 2011 | +/- | 2012 | 2011 | +/- | 2012 | 2011 | +/- |
| Lincolnshire Surprise | 49 | 50 | | 12 | 9 | | 61 | 59 | |
| Rutland Surprise | 47 | 48 | | 7 | 8 | | 54 | 56 | |
| Lessness Surprise | 36 | 38 | | 2 | 2 | | 38 | 40 | |
| Glasgow Surprise | 29 | 26 | | 0 | 0 | | 29 | 26 | |
| Pudsey Surprise | 28 | 19 | | 3 | 4 | | 31 | 23 | |
| Uxbridge Surprise | 17 | 22 | | 0 | 1 | | 17 | 23 | |
| Cornwall Surprise | 15 | 20 | | 0 | 0 | | 15 | 20 | |
| Dereham Surprise | 14 | | | 0 | | | 14 | 0 | |
| Cassiobury Surprise | 12 | | | 0 | | | 12 | 0 | |
| Jubilee Surprise | 12 | | | 0 | | | 12 | 0 | |
| Other Surprise | 500 | 509 | | 6 | 7 | | 506 | 516 | |
| Single Delight | 188 | 150 | | 6 | 8 | | 194 | 158 | |
| Plain Bob | 56 | 57 | | 68 | 69 | | 124 | 126 | |
| Double Norwich Court Bob | 39 | 43 | | 2 | 2 | | 41 | 45 | |
| Kent Treble Bob | 2 | 2 | | 38 | 43 | | 40 | 45 | |
| Other | 44 | 59 | | 12 | 20 | | 56 | 79 | |
| ***Total*** | **2071** | **2055** | **+16** | **345** | **352** | **-7** | **2417** | **2407** | **+9** |
| ***Triples*** | | | | | | | | | |
| Stedman | 71 | 88 | | 18 | 12 | | 89 | 100 | |
| Grandsire | 73 | 70 | | 2 | 1 | | 75 | 71 | |
| Plain Bob | 26 | 21 | | 0 | 0 | | 26 | 21 | |
| Other | 12 | 17 | | 1 | 1 | | 13 | 18 | |
| ***Total*** | **182** | **196** | **-14** | **21** | **14** | **+7** | **203** | **210** | **-7** |
| ***Minor*** | | | | | | | | | |
| 8+ Methods | | | | | | | | | |
| Spliced surprise | 112 | 72 | | 19 | 15 | | 131 | 87 | |
| Spliced other | 12 | 6 | | 9 | 3 | | 21 | 9 | |
| Surprise | 41 | 48 | | 11 | 13 | | 52 | 61 | |
| Other | 12 | 20 | | 6 | 13 | | 18 | 33 | |
| 7 Methods | | | | | | | | | |
| Surprise | 308 | 288 | | 16 | 26 | | 324 | 314 | |
| Other | 109 | 110 | | 11 | 14 | | 120 | 124 | |
| 2-6 Methods | | | | | | | | | |
| Surprise | 28 | 16 | | 5 | 3 | | 33 | 19 | |
| Other | 80 | 77 | | 18 | 19 | | 98 | 96 | |
| Plain Bob Minor | 63 | 43 | | 19 | 31 | | 82 | 74 | |
| Cambridge Surprise | 57 | 59 | | 4 | 8 | | 61 | 67 | |
| Other | | | | | | | | | |
| Surprise | 24 | 25 | | 1 | 9 | | 25 | 34 | |
| Other | 4 | 10 | | 0 | 3 | | 4 | 13 | |
| ***Total*** | **850** | **774** | **+76** | **119** | **157** | **-38** | **969** | **931** | **+38** |
| ***Doubles/Minor*** | **4** | **7** | **-3** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **4** | **7** | **-3** |
| ***Doubles*** | | | | | | | | | |
| 2+ Methods | 119 | 126 | | 0 | 0 | | 119 | 126 | |
| Grandsire | 11 | 12 | | 1 | 1 | | 12 | 13 | |
| Stedman | 7 | 9 | | 1 | 3 | | 8 | 12 | |
| Other | 6 | 6 | | 0 | 0 | | 6 | 6 | |
| ***Total*** | **143** | **153** | **-10** | **2** | **4** | **-2** | **145** | **157** | **-12** |
| ***Minimus*** | **8** | **1** | **+7** | | | | **8** | **1** | **+7** |
| ***Overall Total*** | **4368** | **4299** | **+69** | **732** | **744** | **-12** | **5100** | **5043** | **+57** |

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### Record peals

January
2 10560 Bristol S Sixteen ASCY

July
28 10800 Winchester S Royal Win & Ports DG

October
12 10080 Stedman Triples (Handbells) Soc Camb Yths

December
29 21888 Yorkshire S Major Win & Ports DG

## Public Relations Committee

Two new members joined the Committee at last year's Council: Lynne Hughes and Nick Jones. Jackie Roberts has been appointed as a consultant as the Roadshow Manager. Two members are up for re-election this year: Barrie Dove and Bruce Butler. William Dowse does not wish to stand again and Rupert Littlewood has resigned.

During 2012 various rôles have continued to be filled. Barrie Dove is Chairman; Helen Udal is Secretary; James Forster is dealing with 'Learn to Ring' enquiries and new media; Mike Orme is Radio 4 liaison; Beverly Faber is website liaison; John Harrison deals with leaflets, posters and updates the 'Things to Ring for' pages; and Bruce Butler is our international officer.

The Committee has met three times in 2012 with much of its work done by email and telephone. We continue to update the Central Council website and submit articles to *The Ringing World*. We have been looking into having a presence on Facebook and Twitter and working more closely with the Ringing Foundation. The public relations advice pages have been developed by John Harrison to help towers with outreach to the wider community (**www.cccbr.org.uk/pr/advice**).

We have been busy with providing information on 2012's major events with articles and web support about ringing for the Torch Relay, Olympics, Paralympics, Diamond Jubilee and the Diamond Jubilee Thames pageant. Reports and summaries were supplied every week to *The Ringing World*.

We supported the *New Music 20x12* project by producing and supplying leaflets that were handed out at the event held at the South Bank Centre, London.

### Leaflets and Posters

Demand for the *Learn to Ring* leaflets and the *Ring the Changes* recruitment posters continues. 12,800 leaflets were supplied. In the future posters will be supplied by the Committee on the same basis as leaflets. They can be found on the Central Council website at **cccbr.org.uk/pr/publicity/**.

### *Learn to Ring*

This year we received 2-3 enquiries a week and in each case the enquiry has been referred to a suitable local contact.

### Roadshow 2014

Jackie Roberts has been appointed Roadshow Manager. The 2014 Roadshow is confirmed to take place on Saturday 6th September 2014 at Newbury racecourse.

*The all states band which rang a quarter peal of Aurora Australis Surprise Major at St James' Queen Square during the ANZAB 2012 Festival: Julie Doyle (ACT), Chris Jarman (NI NZ), Adam Beer (WA), Doug Nichols (Tas), Michelle Sorell (SA), Tom Perrins (NSW), Ian McCulloch (Qld) and Sue Pacey (Vic)*

### Bells on Sunday

The Committee through Mike Orme has maintained close contact with the producers of this programme with a view to maintaining the quality and variety of recordings the programme airs. New recordings are continually being sought. Recordings were provided for BBC Radio 4's *Food Programme* in September. Information on the Notre Dame Cathedral bells was supplied to help with a broadcast about the Cathedral's forthcoming 850th anniversary. Information was also provided to Radio 4's *Today* Programme for their broadcast on the UK's worst sounding bells! Crowle in Worcestershire and Moseley in Birmingham (steel bells which have since been replaced) featured strongly.

BARRIE DOVE *(Chairman)*
HELEN UDAL *(Secretary)*
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WILLIAM DOWSE
BEVERLY FABER
JAMES FORSTER
JOHN HARRISON
LYNNE HUGHES
NICK JONES
MICHAEL ORME

## International reports

### A N Z A B

Ringing publicity in Australia is in the fortunate position that the focus is very much on the positives - a community of people engaged in a heritage craft which is part of Australia's British heritage. We have good working relationships with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) news and radio, with commercial television and with local newspapers. Internally, *Ringing Towers* is published quarterly, along with several branch newsletters, and we have begun using *Facebook* (**www.facebook.com/ANZAB.President**) to engage with our community and interested members of the public.

ANZAB celebrated its 50th anniversary with a well attended and extremely well organised festival in Sydney in June. Publicity included an interview with Bill Perrins and family on ABC Radio National and some local news reports *(photo above)*.

The refurbishment of the bells of St Paul's, Maryborough, was widely covered in local media. This tower, which was for a century the most isolated in the world, is a prominent visual and audible landmark in the town, and it was great to see such a positive response.

The Adelaide Ringing Centre at St Peter's Cathedral received coverage from local and national radio as well as local newspaper reports. The official opening featured a live video link and participation with Worcester Cathedral. There was also newspaper coverage in Worcester of the Adelaide-Worcester ringing centre initiatives. Of greatest impact was the ringing which featured on the nationally televised Service of Carols and Readings on Christmas Eve. Eagle-eyed viewers might have noticed that although the minute and a half of rounds was real, the footage of the ringers actually came from the ringing centre! *Totally Wild*, a children's Current Affairs programme, has also recorded a segment for 2014.

MATTHEW SORRELL

### Central European Association

The Central European Association continued to meet every 2-3 months during 2012, at centres as wide apart as Dordrecht, Holland,

and Winterthur, Switzerland. A variety of peals and quarters were rung on hand bells and tower bells, including two peals of 23 spliced Surprise Major at Dordrecht.

There are clearly major problems, not only in the amount of travelling involved, but also in the limited number of ringers. Any expatriate (or anyone knowing an expatriate) is invited to send an e-mail to Rodney Yeates at **rodney.yeates@t-online.de**.

RODNEY YEATES

### North American Guild of Change Ringers

2012 brought good news on several fronts for North American ringing. Throughout the year we saw signs that our efforts to recruit younger ringers are blossoming. This is great news that gives hope to those keenly aware of the preponderance of older ringers in most of our towers. Cathy Brown's article on the young ringers of Marietta, Georgia documented an established, successful model that has trained scores of youth in our beloved art. The bells are ringing again at Mitchell Tower at the University of Chicago, thanks to college students who expressed interest in the bells, were eager to learn and Tom Farthing, who stepped up to teach them. Then Tony Furnivall's impressive article on the New York City Schools Project filled the front pages of the June 8, 2012 issue of *The Ringing World* and the July issue of *The Clapper* and had people talking on three continents. Tony chronicled obstacles new learners face and techniques he used to surmount them, valuable information for those wishing to recruit young ringers, train them, and keep them engaged. In another major development, Bruce Butler and Tony Furnivall completed the Integrated Teacher Training Scheme (ITTS) this year, participating in a "fast track" crash course in July in Wellesbourne, UK. Accredited mentors and tutors, they are now members of the Association of Ringing Teachers and have access to the vast quantity of ITTS materials. The benefit of their expertise to North American ringers will be enormous.

We've had some nice exposure from written and electronic media this year. In Vancouver visitors to the tower made a short sound slides video, with photographs and interviews of band members. You can view it at **www.silmaraalbi.com.br/work/bells_sound_slides.asp**. In addition, a camera crew of Google Street View was enticed up to photograph the tower by Eve Munns. You can enjoy a virtual walk through the Holy Rosary Cathedral and up the stairs to the tower, ringing chamber and belfry at the following link: **http://www.earth-scout.com/google-street-view.php?q=holy%20rosary%20cathedral%20vancouver**. In the Articles section of the NAGCR website, Don Morrison posted a link to a *Patriot Ledger* article and video on the Hingham bells in Quincy, MA. It tells of the history and tradition of bell ringing in a North American tower and is great exposure. NAGCR President Madeleine Cheesman posted a link to "Who Rings the Bells at St. James Cathedral?"- a lovely piece in *The Grid*, a weekly publication in Toronto.

New towers in Orleans and Shreveport continue to make strides, with a solid corps of ringers now learning basic methods with expert help by visiting ringers from all over North America and the UK. Another inactive tower, Abilene is no longer silent. They are training ringers and have resumed service ringing. The Three Towers south/southwest regional festival that began a quarter century ago with towers in Little Rock, Texarkana and Houston has grown into the Seven Towers Ringing Festival with the additions of Dallas and Shreveport. At the other end of the spectrum, they're ringing Surprise Maximus peals at Trinity Wall Street with bands comprised of North American ringers from across the region, e.g. New York, Boston, & Washington DC. It's a clear sign of the growing expertise and evolution of North American ringers. There is talk of a third North American 12 bell tower at Yale, but it's too early to tell. Stay tuned. We are growing, and the momentum is building.

CANDACE HIGGINBOTHAM
NAGCR Public Relations Officer

### South African Guild

There is positive news from South Africa. Both towers in Durban are now ringing. Tests were done on the eight undamaged bells at St Mary's and the bells were deemed ringable, with steps in place to ensure that the first two are rehung soon. After the structural work and waterproofing of St Paul's was completed, the ringers happily began ringing again. The Durban Guild is grateful for all the support it has received in getting its two towers up and running again.

In September 2012 the national AGM weekend was held in Durban. A quarter peal in Bob Minor was achieved during the weekend. The AGM was successful with positive steps put in place for the continuation of the Guild with some changes to the constitution heralding an imminent merging of the Transvaal Guild to the umbrella organisation of the South African Guild. The AGM was enjoyed by all involved.

CATHERINE ALBOROUGH

### Transvaal Society

Down here in Africa, our efforts have been concentrated on the formation of the new South African Guild of Church Bell Ringers. This will be an umbrella body covering all ringing in South Africa and has been planned for some time. The new formal constitution was adopted at the AGM in Durban in October 2012 and the next stage is for the Transvaal Society to formally agree to become a Branch of the SA Guild at their AGM in 2013.

We face the same challenges as the rest of the world in recruitment, training and advancement, but ringing by the pupils on the new bells at St. Peter's School in northern Johannesburg is slowly moving forward after the bells were formally dedicated in early 2012 and ringers at All Saints, Fourways Gardens are also progressing. At Parktown, we continue to maintain our unbroken record of 27 years Sunday service ringing. During 2013 we are planning joint ringing days to benefit the ringers at all three of our towers. Johannesburg will host the AGM of the new South African Guild towards the end of the year, date still to be advised, and all visiting ringers will be most welcome.

In Durban, St. Paul's is ringing again now that steeple repairs have been completed and ringing is resumed on the back 8 at St. Mary's, Greyville pending rehanging of the 2 trebles on new headstocks.

MAUREEN ROBERTS
Hon Secretary, TSCBR

### Zimbabwe Guild

The Zimbabwe Guild of Bellringers is delighted to report that ringing recommenced in Harare Cathedral on 16 December, 2012 on the day of the Cathedral Rededication Service. The bells were only chimed on that day, but, following an inspection of the bells, ringing practices recommenced on 12 January, 2013. Many of you will have read the article in the Christmas edition of *The Ringing World*. Some of their experienced ringers have now retired to the UK but there is an enthusiastic group of new learners. The tower will need to begin fundraising for new ropes, the cost of which is about six months salary for most of the ringers.

Ringing in Kwekwe has continued throughout the year on a limited basis as ringers have moved away in search of jobs elsewhere and it is not easy to find committed new recruits. The Guild would like to thank the Central Council, *The Ringing World* and all those ringers who have continued to support us. Both towers welcome visiting ringers, especially if you are here for an extended period and can assist us with teaching new learners.

ANNE M. PHILLIPS

## Publications Committee

One new publication, *Dove's Guide 10th Edition*, was produced during the year.

Seven titles were reprinted: *Towards Better Striking, Listen to Ringing CD1, Listen to Ringing CD2, Service Touches, Conducting Stedman, Teaching Tips,* and the *Teaching DVD.*

The highlight of the year was the publication of *Dove's Guide 10th Edition* which went on sale in April. This was a major project for us and we would like to thank all those involved for their contributions to the work over several years. In particular we thank Tim Jackson, representing the Dove Stewards, with whom we worked closely and constructively throughout the project, and Philip Green, our printer, for his many invaluable contributions to the production stage of the work. Philip joined the Committee at the Council meeting in May. All those involved were very pleased indeed with the final product and it has been very well received by ringers. The price was set at £15 so as to generate a significant eventual surplus to be passed to the General Fund as instructed by the Council Trustees. The book has sold exceptionally well, with 1,270 of the print run of 2,000 sold by year end. *The New Ringer's Book* also sold very well.

Three Committee meetings were held during the year, and the usual large number of telephone and e-mail conversations took place.

## Stocklist at December 31st 2012

| *Title* | *Sales to 31 Dec 2012* | *Stock at 31 Dec 2012* |
|---|---|---|
| New Ringers Book | 631 | 277 |
| Beginners Handbook | 175 | 232 |
| Towards Better Striking | 28 | 92 |
| Raising and Lowering | 81 | 48 |
| Ringing Jargon Made Easy | 60 | 20 |
| Beginners Grandsire | 100 | 62 |
| Beginners Plain Bob | 113 | 116 |
| Doubles and Minor for Beginners | 48 | 85 |
| Triples and Major for Beginners | 12 | 66 |
| Ringing Circles | 368 | 60 |
| Ringing Skills | 1 | 4 |
| Ringing Basics for Beginners | 35 | 206 |
| The Learning Curve Vol 1 | 15 | 64 |
| The Learning Curve Vol 2 | 13 | 192 |
| The Learning Curve Vol 3 | 10 | 180 |
| The Learning Curve Vol 4 | 16 | 210 |
| Listen to Ringing CD 1/CD2 | 23/18 | 45/48 |
| Beginners Guide to Change Ringing on Handbells | 60 | 184 |
| Change Ringing on Handbells | 32 | 131 |
| The Tower Handbook | 13 | 13 |
| Learning Methods | 19 | 16 |
| Standard Eight Surprise Major | 22 | 17 |
| Method Splicing | 9 | 28 |
| Understanding Place Notation | 15 | 36 |
| Will You Call a Touch Please, Bob? | 45 | 222 |
| Service Touches | 44 | 316 |
| Conducting Stedman | 16 | 99 |
| A Tutors Handbook | 11 | 170 |
| Tower Captains Handbook | 11 | 21 |
| One Way to Teach Handling | 13 | 53 |
| Teaching Beyond Bell Handling | 11 | 174 |
| Teaching from Rounds to Bob Doubles | 4 | 89 |
| Simulators and Teaching | 6 | 12 |
| Kaleidoscope Ringing | 42 | 195 |
| Teaching Unravelled | 62 | 159 |
| Starting a New Band | 6 | 61 |
| Teaching Tips | 473 | 316 |
| Towers and Bells Handbook | 27 | 138 |
| The Bell Adviser | 5 | 149 |
| Schedule of Regular Maintenance | 121 | 107 |
| D-I-Y Guidelines | 5 | 146 |
| Organising a Bell Restoration Project | 39 | 149 |
| Sound Management | 9 | 80 |
| Splicing Bellropes | 92 | 176 |
| Change Ringing History Vol 1/Vol3 | 18/18 | 160/170 |
| Centenary History of the Central Council | 4 | 76 |
| Giants of the Exercise Vol1/Vol2 | 6/8 | 163/42 |
| A J Pitman Biography | 5 | 127 |
| Dove's Guide 10 | 1269 | 731 |
| Belfry Offices | 6 | 56 |
| Organising an Outing | 5 | 38 |
| Belfry Warning Notices | 2 | 36 |
| Church Towers and Bells | 12 | 27 |
| CC Rules and Decisions 2010 | 2 | 52 |
| Getting it Right | 0 | 127 |
| Collection of Minor Methods | 1 | 201 |
| Plain Minor Methods | 0 | 101 |
| Treble Dodging Minor Methods | 6 | 107 |
| Collection of Principles | 0 | 50 |
| Rung Surprise etc to end 2007 | 0 | 16 |
| Spliced Minor Collection | 1 | 13 |
| 10 Bell Compositions | 2 | 54 |
| 12+ Bell Compositions | 3 | 81 |
| Collection of Universal Compositions (for T D Major Methods) | 2 | 20 |
| Stedman Compositions | 15 | 21 |
| DVDs | 19 | 50 |

Bulk discounts were offered in March as usual, and advertisements were again placed in a number of association reports.

The income from sales rose sharply to £28,700 from £13,900, largely due to the continuing success of *The New Ringer's Book* and to *Dove's Guide 10th Edition*. Income exceeded expenditure by £9,400. Remaining copies of *Dove 9* were destroyed, accounting for most of the £2,600 write-off provision. The value of stock held was £10,600 and the total cash available rose sharply to £23,300 from £12,300. The fund has been returned to a very healthy state. Payments by BACS are accepted and it is expected that payments by *PayPal* will be accepted in the near future.

Derek Jones has again been closely involved with our work in a consultative capacity, and we thank him for his contributions.

JOHN COUPERTHWAITE (*Chairman*)
PHILIP GREEN
MIKE HANSFORD
BERYL NORRIS
BARBARA WHEELER
JAN WYATT

## Committee for Redundant Bells

The Committee met together three times and additionally by email and telephone exchanges. Dr John Baldwin and Alan Frost's retirement from the Committee at the Chester meeting was a loss of two founding members with many years of experience and wisdom. Tim Jackson and David Westerman are welcome new members.

As presaged in last year's report the Committee's main concern in the year has been to try and ensure the appropriate future use of bells and bell frames housed in churches that have already closed or are in the process of being closed. The concern is that bells, both rings and single bells, are effectively 'walled up' in churches that are given over to secular uses. In some cases planning regulations become effective to prevent their removal. In others the uncertainties and difficulties of the lengthy procedures necessary to be gone through to settle the future of a closed church prevent any effective planning and fund raising to successfully promote a scheme for the re-use of the bells and, possibly, bell frames elsewhere. With these concerns in mind the Committee has lobbied the Church Commissioners and the Church Buildings Council (including the Statutory Uses Committee of the CBC) to try and see what can be done to permit bells and bell frames to be removed from churches to be closed to churches in use or other appropriate places much earlier in the procedures – rather than at the last minute when it is impractical.

These discussions culminated in a forum organised at Church House in January 2013 when all the interested institutions were represented along with a good number of ringers having a particular interest and experience in the problem. A summary of the forum debate was published in the 22nd February edition of *The Ringing World*.

Although the results of the forum were very encouraging, particularly the sympathy of the Church institutions to ringers and the problem

the ringers have identified, it will take continued effort and application on the part of the Committee to achieve a practical answer.

The Churches Conservation Trust was represented at the forum and it remains the Committee's policy to try and build an effective connection with the CCT in the care and appropriate use of the 110 rings of bells in the Trust's care. The Trust has shown in the past year that it is well aware of the rings of bells it owns and is keen to see them in use but it has not so far proved easy by any means to find a way of effectively assisting and developing an established communication and co-ordination between the Central Council and the CCT.

With regard to the actual placing of redundant bells in other churches and ensuring that the maximum number of bells are kept in use the Committee has continued to work closely with the Keltek Trust which has the resources and the means to deal with this – with conspicuous success.

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## Ringing Centres Committee

There have been five main items on our agenda during the year. The first was the regular updating of our database to enable us to keep in contact with the various ringing centres throughout the country. We use the returns not only to try to assess the use and effectiveness of the centres with a view to sending Certificates of Recognition but also to learn of their work with the intention that it may be shared with other centres. We are not always advised of changes of address and some returns are outstanding for a time, frequently because of a change of contact details or the times and way in which a centre operates. We do ask that information is given when requested or at least that, if there will be a delay in supplying such, a note is given with a reason for the delay. We include, with the data relating to ringing centres, a note of other centres of ringing where teaching is involved but where such centre may not be capable of being or perhaps has no wish to be recognized by the Central Council as a Ringing Centre.

Associated with the compilation of a database is the preparation and distribution of a news sheet (*Training Times*) which is distributed to the centres (recognised and others) giving information back to the centres of our work, our proposals and interesting items of news from individual centres. We also distribute a copy to Council members at annual meetings but essentially it is produced in electronic form for distribution in that way. We would benefit from more items, photographs etc. but generally we feel that it is appreciated by the centres and does not leave them unsure of the Committee's intentions. Three editions were produced in 2012.

We have questioned our ability to fairly assess the effectiveness and professionalism of centres. We have piloted a simple form intended to be completed by the centres which may give them an indication of how they compare with other centres and the action they would need to take to increase their points score or rating. As centres vary considerable in size, ability and aims we intend to use this information for some sort of comparison for each individual centre on a year to year basis but not for comparison between different centres. The scheme is still in its early stages and may well be amended following completion of a second pilot and comments from ringing centres. We hope that it will also enable us to provide more meaningful information about the activities of ringing centres to the Council and hope that in due course other centres not recognised by the Council would also take part.

A 'Good Practice Guide' has been compiled throughout the year and although it was not ready for publication on the website by the year end was not far short of it. It is intended that this would be available before the 2013 Council Meeting. It is essentially details of the establishment and running of a number of very different centres which may provide a template for new centres to be opened.

We have considered our Terms of Reference and believe that we could be more effective if these were changed. There is a separate paper dealing with the history and work of the Committee but essentially we feel the time is right to provide help and assistance to all centres of ringing and help them to build expertise, teaching abilities and, with other centres, self-help and support, whether or not registered as a Central Council Recognised Centre. It is intended that a proposal as to this will be put to the meeting of the Council at Guildford. It is apparent that other centres of ringing are intended to be formed. We believe that there will be many others (the majority with the backing of local guilds and associations) and that delivery of teaching through a ringing centre is the most efficient way that teaching may be delivered. We wish to encourage the creation of these and provide help and assistance for them as much as may be needed thereafter. As a small committee with limited resources this may not be fully possible but we have yet to see what demand there may be for our involvement.

We believe that there is benefit in the Committee being part of a series of ongoing regional conferences on the recruitment, training and retention of ringers possibly in conjunction with the Education Committee, the Public Relations Committee, the Ringing Foundation and the Association of Ringing Teachers. This may however need to be part of the further debate with regard to the future of ringing but we feel that we do need to do more to give information at a more local level than at present and that the supply of such information is not left too long.

Although Michael Clements has not been a member of this Committee long we are sorry that his work commitments have led to his retirement during the year. Peter Dale has also indicated that he will not be seeking re-election to the Committee this year and will be shortly retiring from the Council. We thank them both for their respective contributions to the work of the Committee during the periods they have been members. We will miss the valuable and sound advice they have given.

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## Ringing Trends Committee

We welcomed Guy Morton, Elva Ainsworth and Mark Ainsworth (consultant) to the expanded Committee. Elva provides a vital link between the "Future of Change Ringing" Group and the Trends Committee. Trends Committee members are widely spread geographically so physical meetings have been few with more electronic working.

2012 has been a year of consolidation and expectation. With the Council's focus on considering the future of ringing, since the Wellesbourne meeting at the end of 2011, the Trends Committee has provided information and data to various groups and individuals as they consider what is to be considered as the "base–line" from which the impact of the developments that are being implemented can be assessed.

### A national ringers database?

In considering such developments, it is evident that the lack of any centralised mechanism for recording information about ringers as individuals is hampering more informative data collection and analysis. There are no national repositories about ringers; at a local level in guilds and associations, records are kept according to local custom and practice in a wide range of electronic and even non-electronic formats. Surveys compiled in the recent past have been based on aggregate numbers, rather than any form of census. Trends Committee members are of the view that a more professional and systematic approach must be taken. Members of the committee have started to construct a database in which information and data may be collected that will be informative while conforming to appropriate standards of confidentiality. Discussions are underway with the Council Biographies Committee, ICT Committee and ART / ITTS to ensure that appropriate integration will be achieved with key groups. Local guilds and associations will be key participants; the Council will need to offer strong influence and leadership to encourage and support them in this.

### Specific activities

There have been no requests by guilds or associations for further use of the pilot survey in the Oxford Guild of towers that have been successful in recruiting and retaining young ringers. This has been completed over the last 2 years and is to be reported in *The Ringing World*.

In specific centres of ringing, the progress of new recruits is increasingly being tracked. Those "sticking" and "leaving" are being surveyed wherever possible. First impressions

*Trends Committee meeting held on 24th February 2013 at Tim Pett's house in Abingdon Oxfordshire – clockwise around table: Alison Hodge, Mark Ainsworth, Tony Furnivall, Tim Pett, Elva Ainsworth, Guy Morton, Stephen Elwell-Sutton in Dundee and Jenny Holden (somewhere far away) were 'present' through Skype, hence the computer screens; also visible, tea and excellent cakes, courtesy of Tim's wife, Gillian*

from school groups show that students inclined towards the analytical disciplines of science and maths and with the confidence and support to do something a little different, are still the ones who are most likely to be attracted and stay longer in ringing. This is reinforcing the message reported last year – *"If you want to attract ringers, look specifically in the science and engineering faculties, the engineering / technology companies, the science / engineering institutions of the nation!". This should be seen as a key feature of marketing campaigns for ringing.*

The analysis of the membership of university societies reported last year is to be published in *The Ringing World.*

The university society survey has been extended and, combined with feedback from the Oxford survey and elsewhere, is now ready for use with other groups of ringers. It is intended that it will be used for Council Members in May 2013. This could form some of the first data to be entered into the new database.

Following the advert in local free paper in Moreton after the Wellesbourne event in 2011, two keen new ringers at Todenham (mother and daughter) are ringing in rounds and changes and progressing towards plain hunt in a suitable nearby tower ringing with a number of others in the same position. Moreton ringers are supporting them occasionally for their fortnightly Sunday services. This has been widely welcomed by the small congregation as it's about three years since they were last rung for Sunday service. As is often the case other trainees are not showing signs of persistence. Todenham bells will be 300 this year so the goal is a quarter peal of Bob Doubles or Grandsire to mark the occasion.

The "Gym Club" in New York had not been a lasting success as most of the students had left. This may reflect the problem that students participate when required to gain the necessary credits for college, but then fail to maintain interest. A similar experience has been reported previously with Scout badges in the UK – ringing was pursued long enough to acquire the badge but then often dropped. There may still be a minor benefit of some awareness raising through such opportunities.

Following the brief survey of Cathedral Bishops early in 2012, initial discussions are underway to consider how more systematic and effective interaction may be achieved between the ringers and the church and their clergy, as they are effectively the key stakeholder in the Exercise with all but very few ringable bells being in their care.

### Future planning

It was noted in last year's report that some of the activities of the Committee are diverging from "trends" in church bell ringing (as prescribed in the Committee Terms of Reference). Only by recording and analysing various diverse underlying factors that are likely to be influencing the trends in ringing, as well as the trends in ringing itself, will the Council be able to deduce and understand what is and is not affecting ringing. The Committee is therefore proposing that its Terms of Reference are amended slightly from:

*"To identify, evaluate and record trends in church bell ringing for the purposes of guiding Council policy"*

to:

*"To identify, evaluate and record trends of relevance to church bell ringing for the purposes of guiding Council policy".*

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## Towers and Belfries Committee

Three meetings were held during 2012 at Evesham, Loughborough Bellfoundry and Christ Church, Oxford. At the 2012 Council meeting, Peter Bennett, George Dawson, Chris Povey and Bernard Stone retired. Peter, George and Chris were re-elected and we were joined by new member David Roskelly. Bernard has been co-opted on account of our need for his expertise in completing the tower movement study equipment as well as his wide general experience. This still means that we have a very wide spread of members from across the southern half of the country but have no members from north of Nottinghamshire/ Derbyshire. In future elections we would welcome any interest from people in the northern half of the country.

During the spring, interested members and other parties met to discuss the way ahead in respect of tower movement study methods and mathematics. It was decided that the Committee should carry out no further studies until it was possible to undertake a comparative study between our "Harry Windsor" equipment and methods and the service provided by the Building Research Establishment. We are aware of at least one significant tower that is contemplating a major re-hang, and would like to be able to provide this service as soon as possible. At the moment, however, the main obstacles to this are the cost of the BRE equipment, even when offered on a 'special rate' basis, and the long term nature of planning for large scale restorations such as those being considered.

In September, Adrian Semken assisted by George Dawson repeated their Seminar on Tower Inspection and Reporting at Tadcaster. Our thanks go to Stuart Raggett and Bob Cater for making the local arrangements, and to Barrie Dove for starting the day off. It was declared a success by those attending, even though numbers were smaller than hoped, or perhaps because of this.

Five tower inspections were carried out by members during the year, and reports presented to the parishes. In addition to this seven minor enquiries from ringers and PCCs were dealt with by phone or email.

Following the question on the rope supply situation at the 2011 Council meeting, and several emailed enquiries, Chris Povey penned a short piece in response to these questions which was published in *The Ringing World*.

Peter Bennett and Chris Povey are currently drafting up guidance papers on the subjects of contract management and bird exclusion methods/materials.

The long awaited new updated Maintenance Handbook is unfortunately still not quite ready for publication, but we are trying very hard to produce it as soon as possible. Unfortunately, as this report is being written, our member Adrian Semken, who has produced the draft, is in hospital and unable to help for the time being. Nevertheless, we have canvassed all of the major associations/guilds, asking if there is sufficient support for the Committee to arrange one day seminars on basic bell maintenance. In this way we could launch the new handbook as well as, hopefully, fulfil a useful purpose. As this is written, we are receiving some positive

responses from around the country. We hope to start to address these needs during the autumn of 2013.

During the year we have kept in touch with the Tower Stewardship Committee, with whom we share a number of common aims. We have also spent time in re-examining our Terms of Reference. Any changes to these will be carefully considered. The Chairman completes his sixth year in office in 2014; he anticipates handing over this honour to another during that year.

Members celebrated the Committee's centenary by ringing peals of Yorkshire Major and Royal during the year, the first after the Loughborough meeting and a second after the Oxford meeting (one of our little team-bonding exercises).

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## Tower Stewardship Committee

### Introduction

Throughout the past year, the Tower Stewardship Committee has continued to offer lay guidance in the general areas of tower management within the wider community. This report gives brief details of activities undertaken over the past twelve months. The Committee meets at least once per year, and conducts the majority of its business by electronic communications.

### Guidance Notes

A key outcome of the Committee's remit is the production and review of a set of Guidance Notes. These are reviewed annually, and are available via the Central Council website, as follows:

**www.cccbr.org.uk/towerstewardship/**

GN1 Insurance and Ringing
GN2 Tower Management
GN3 Child Protection in Towers
GN4 Tower Safety and Risk Assessment
GN5 Church Law
GN6 Fire Risk Assessment and Protection
GN7 Noise, the Law and the Environmental Health Officer

### Insurance and Ringing

The Committee has responded to a variety of queries related to insurance and ringing. Three cases relating to personal injury in belltowers have come to the Committee's attention. One of these was a spurious "no win no fee" compensation claim, and another related to belfry maintenance activities undertaken by some guild stewards. Related to this latter case, the Committee encourages guilds and associations to consider the inclusion of "member-to-member" liability insurance as part of any policy, and not just cover for third-party injury or damage.

### Tower Management

We have received a few enquiries in the course of the year regarding best practice for tower management. These have ranged from queries regarding template "tower constitutions" to comments regarding inappropriate standards of dress! A recent topic has been tower finances and HM Revenue and Customs, for which the enquirer was directed to Steve Coleman's excellent series written for *The Ringing World* a few years ago.

### Child Protection

Over recent years, the Tower Stewardship Committee has been particularly active in offering guidance to the ringing community with regard to child protection legislation. Chris Mew continues to be on the front foot in this area, seeking clarifications from central government and the House of Bishops, which he then articulates clearly to ringers through *The Ringing World*. Chris also assists associations and towers in querying local imposition of requirements that go beyond the requirements of law or policy. An up-to-date version of Guidance Note 3 is now on the CCCBR website. This includes a new statement regarding the rehabilitation of ex-offenders.

### Tower Safety and Risk Assessment

The Committee has received several enquiries relating to tower safety and risk assessment. In each case, we have responded as appropriate. This has included advice regarding ladders in belfries, handrails and ropes around newel posts, and risks related to telecommunications equipment.

The Committee maintains regular contact with the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group. This pro-active communication helps ensure a commonsense approach to tower safety. The very low incidence of claims involving bells and bellringers not only helps to keep insurance premiums down, but is also a testament to a very positive culture of safety awareness among the ringing community.

During the year, the Central Council has joined the "Alliance to Reduce Crime against Heritage" – ARCH. This initiative is a "neighbourhood watch" for churches. In particular, we are asked to be vigilant against potential metal theft.

Noise, the Law and the Environmental Health Officer

Last year the CCCBR Noise Complaints service moved jurisdictions – from the Public Relations Committee to the Tower Stewardship Committee. This move has gone smoothly, producing a synergy between our pro-active advice (how to avoid a complaint in the first place) with our re-active advice (what to do once you receive a complaint). Alan Chantler continues to provide a rapid response service for towers receiving complaints. Alan reports that the enquiries he has received in the past year, of which there have been very few, have not escalated. One tower received much publicity at Christmas regarding curtailment of ringing. Happily, public sympathy was very much on the side of the Church and ringers, rather than the complainant.

### Website

Peter Trotman continues to assist in keeping an up-to-date and fresh look for the Committee's work. All Guidance Notes can be found there, along with any supporting documents and guidelines; all reports to Council are there, and contact details of all Committee members. Cross-referenced links are good, enabling visitors to find our material through a variety of links.

### Other work

- The Committee has produced a poster detailing the Council's liaison with ARCH;
- The Committee has updated its poster summarizing Tower Stewardship services;
- The Committee maintains communication links with other committees – in particular the Public Relations Committee and the Towers & Belfries Committee;
- The Committee also maintains regular communication links with other relevant bodies, such as the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, the House of Bishops and the Home Office.

### Conclusion

The Committee is well served by the wide range of skills, qualifications and experience brought by members. Chris Mew has indicated his intention to step down from the Committee in May 2013, due to his increased commitments on the Council. We acknowledge our deep gratitude to Chris for his expertise, tenacity, commonsense and unfailing good humour, and thank him for the many hours he has sacrificed on Committee work.

The Tower Stewardship Committee is very open to suggestions and recommendations from all areas of the Central Council regarding our remit, our communication methods and any other component of our work.

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## Bell Restoration Committee

The Committee met three times in 2012; in London in February, in Chester in June during the Council weekend, and in London in October.

### Membership

During 2012 the Committee said farewell to Jackie Roberts who, having retired from membership of the Council, was no longer eligible for membership of the Committee. Jackie served the Committee very capably for many years, taking responsibility for a number of significant projects during her membership and latterly has been particularly associated with the administration of the Fred Dukes

*St Mary, Moseley, Birmingham, West Midlands*

Fund and our FunderFinder service. Jackie was warmly thanked for her many years of service and her expertise and experience will be hard to replace.

Chris Rogers was elected to the Committee at the Council meeting in June and John Barnes, Frank Beech and Ken Davenport were re-elected at the same time. Jay Bunyan, Bill Nash, Ian Oram and Peter Wilkinson will stand down at the Council meeting at Guildford in May and may offer themselves for re-election.

### Provision of Information and Advice

We continue to maintain contact with parishes and individuals across the United Kingdom, and occasionally from overseas. Mostly, these are requests for general fundraising advice but we are also pleased to receive news of ongoing projects. We had more than 52 contacts during 2012 and these included 32 new contacts. In addition to contact by telephone, email and letter, Committee members also make face to face contact with parish project leaders where such contact is thought to be useful. One such contact was made last year and was much appreciated by the parish concerned. We provide a service for searches using the Ffoenix grant-finding database, the legacy product following the demise of FunderFinder, but this database is not updated so it is becoming less useful as time passes. The Committee does have other sources of useful information regarding grant awarding bodies so we are still able to provide a service to parishes which they find helpful. During 2012 we received 32 enquiries (32 in 2011) and completed 15 searches (16 in 2011). We are constantly looking for other sources of useful information which can then assist us in our support for parishes.

Information useful to parishes and/or ringing societies continues to be notified widely through the pages of *The Ringing World.* Perhaps the most surprising change during 2012, affecting many projects, was the announcement in the Budget of significant changes to the scope of VAT, which, coupled with changes to the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme previously announced, means that many projects where VAT would not formerly have been payable (or could have been reclaimed) now have to pay this additional 20% tax. The Committee also brought important changes to the Gift Aid scheme to ringers' attention via the columns of *The Ringing World*. We are very grateful for the co-operation and assistance that the Committee receives from the Editor and staff of *The Ringing World* in enabling us to bring such matters to the attention of ringers everywhere. We anticipate announcements from the Heritage Lottery Fund regarding changes to their policy for awarding grants and from the Charity Commission regarding a review of the 2006 Charities Act in the near future and we will ensure that relevant information is communicated widely via *The Ringing World* and the website.

The Appendices to *Organising a Bell Restoration Project* continue to be regularly updated as information changes and new appendices are added as and when required. All of the Appendices are published on the website, regularly reviewed and updated as necessary so ringers are recommended to consult the appendices on the website for the latest, most up-to-date version. Stocks of this popular and useful publication are diminishing so the Committee, working with the Publications Committee, intend to produce a new edition containing the latest Appendices at the appropriate time.

### Administration of Funds

In 2010, with the assistance of a generous legacy, we were able to award grants from the Central Council Bell Restoration Fund to 28 projects worth a total of £27,000. Ten of these grants were paid during 2012 making a total of 25 grants paid since the awards were made. These account for £23,300 of the grants awarded. Three of the projects, awarded grants totalling £3,700, are at various stages of completion, including one awaiting just a final inspection of the work. As these projects are all being actively progressed, the situation changes frequently and we anticipate that most of the projects still in progress will be completed during 2013.

The Fund has received various donations and income from the sale of jigsaws and *Oranges and Lemons* prints during the year. We are most grateful to all who support the Fund in these and other ways.

Whenever there is money in the Fund, the demand for grants is invariably very heavy and therefore we are always grateful for any donations or legacies. However, the Fund still needs to grow significantly before we will be in a position to invite applications for grants again.

We still hold a stock of *Oranges and Lemons* prints kindly donated by the ASCY and SRCY during 2009. These were offered for sale at the Council meeting in Chester. We will continue to offer them for sale at other suitable opportunities with proceeds to the Central Council Bell Restoration Fund.

A new jigsaw was produced in time for the Council meeting at Chester and this was offered for sale at the meeting, proving to be very popular. The jigsaw series has provided valuable income for the Bell Restoration Fund for over ten years and we are very grateful to Stella Bianco for the work that she does to produce these high quality and sought after puzzles.

In accordance with the terms of the Fund, the Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund offered the following grants: Adelaide: £300 and Naremburn: £1 000. The following grants were paid during the year: Kimberley, £1 000; Maryborough, £2 000 and Adelaide (St Peter's Cathedral), £300. Further applications for grants to be awarded in 2013 were invited in November.

### Future Work

It has become clear that some of the information on the Bell Restoration pages of the website is rather difficult to follow and out of date in places. We aim to address this in 2013.

Work has started to produce a series of Guidance Notes, which will be made widely available, to complement the information already published in *Organising a Bell Restoration Project* and Appendices. We intend that the first of the series will appear during 2013.

As there have been some significant changes to legislation since the publication of *Organising a Bell Restoration Project*, an update sheet for distribution with copies of the booklet will be prepared.

The Committee has arranged a stall for the sale of *Oranges and Lemons* prints and jigsaws at the Council meeting in May and members will also be available to answer queries and provide advice. It is also our intention to be represented at the forthcoming Ringing Road Show.

For several years the Committee has kept an index of towers that have had contact with us. As part of our continuing desire to monitor the effectiveness of our work we are completing an up-to-date map showing the location of each tower on the index. This will, in conjunction with the map we already have showing the location of towers that have received grants, assist us in ensuring that information about our work is reaching all areas. The Committee also intends to write to the secretaries of all affiliated societies, DAC Secretaries and Diocesan Bell Advisors as part of our effort to ensure that parishes which may benefit from our services are aware of the Committee and thus able to contact us for the support and advice they may need.

The Committee is continuing to draft articles that will be submitted for publication in *The Ringing World* from time to time and will also be available to ringing societies and parishes for use, for example, in annual reports, newsletters and parish magazines.

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CHRIS ROGERS (*from June 2012*)
PETER WILKINSON (*Secretary*)

## Criteria for allocating CCBRF grants and loans

1.0 Applications will be considered for the following:

1.1 Restoration or augmentation work to existing bell installations, or the provision of new bell installations, in any country in the World where the bells are, or are to be, hung for full circle ringing.

1.2 Costs of structural and other ancillary work integral to the bell installation will be considered when these are in addition to work on the bell installation.

1.3 Loans or guarantees (when funds allow) to the bell restoration funds (BRFs) of societies affiliated to the Central Council, where the trustees may wish to make offers or promises of future grants in excess of the money currently available in their funds.

2.0 Offers of grants, loans or guarantees will normally be made from the Fund only if:

2.1 Support and approval for the project are to be given by the local ringing society, and

2.2 Support and approval for the project are given by the PCC or other appropriate authority, and

2.3 There is in place an existing band of ringers or the project plans include a firm commitment to recruit and train a band, and

2.4 Consideration has been given to the need to include any form of sound control within the project specification.

### Priorities

3.0 Priority will normally be given to applications as follows:

3.1 High priority will be given where there is an existing band of ringers and the bells are in imminent danger of becoming unringable.

3.2 For augmentations priority will be given to projects to restore or provide a ring of 5 or 6 bells.

3.3 Projects with a total cost of less than £5,000 will have low priority.

### Administration and Operation

4.0 The Bell Restoration Committee (BRC) will be responsible for administering the Fund. It will normally operate as follows:

4.1 Grants, loans and guarantees will be allocated after advertising in *The Ringing World*, and elsewhere if appropriate, for applications to be made. Offers will be made and will remain open for two years and then lapse. No payment of a grant will be made until the work has been carried out satisfactorily and the bill presented. The intention is for money in the fund to be used rather than accumulated, but no offers of grants, loans or guarantees will be made if no suitable applications are received.

4.2 As far as possible a balance will be struck so that grants, loans and guarantees are spread geographically and socially, and in proportion to the types of applications received, spread of centres of ringing and any other relevant factors. Also a balance will be struck among grants, loans and guarantees in approximate proportion to the requests received, but with each batch of applications assessed on their own merits.

4.3 Loans or guarantees will be subject to written agreements, with repayments unlikely to be over a greater period than two years, although shorter periods will be encouraged. The BRF's ability to repay will be assessed before any loans or guarantees are offered. It is not intended that interest will be charged.

4.4 The BRC may consult as necessary before offering any grant, loan or guarantee, including inviting comment from other parties, such as the local society affiliated to the Central Council.

4.5 Appeals against decisions of the Bell Restoration Committee will be determined by the Trustees of the Central Council. Such appeals must be made in writing to the Secretary of the Central Council within 3 months of the initial decision being made and the Trustees will then consider the application afresh.

## Biographies Committee

The Committee met twice during the year: during the Council weekend in Chester and at Radley in October. Henry Coggill was newly elected to the Committee in June. Pat Halls stood down as chairman the day before the Council meeting, and managed not to get reelected, but was unanimously co-opted back onto the Committee.

### Published records

Much hard work over the last few years has enabled us to make major inroads into the backlog of former Council members for whom there was no biographic record. During 2012, the number of records published on the website increased from 610 to 749, and more will be added early in 2013. Several rather sparse records have been upgraded with more information. Where small amounts of extra information come to light on a scanned calligraphic record, we add an addendum that appears with it on the website. 93 of the 563 historic records now have addenda. We still print archival copies of new records, but the web is our primary means of delivery.

Our aim is to clear the historic backlog of Council members completely as soon as possible, but we may have to accept some very short records for people about whom hardly anything seems to be known.

For new records we have moved from the historic pro-forma records to a richer, narrative style. Most of our work is now done digitally. We have agreed a number of policies to enable consistency across the work of different people, and to ensure appropriate quality of digitised images.

### Core work

Researching and writing records continues as a core task (Pat Halls, John Harrison, Pat Hickey, Bobbie May). Searching Births, Marriages & Deaths records (David Willis) provides an invaluable input, especially where identity or dates are uncertain. All records are formatted and printed on archive grade paper (Margaret Oram) as well as on the website.

We maintain a record of current and former Council members (Richard Andrew) with date of death or the status of information held (forms, pictures). We receive new information both digitally and on paper. Much of the information we already hold is on paper. We will continue to use both media for the time being.

### New initiatives include:

- Analysing the membership of Council committees over the years (Brian Hullah). In due course the results will feature on the website, with links between committees and the biographical records of members who served on them.
- Developing a series of articles on the lives of Prolific Peal Ringers (Bill Butler) for *The Ringing World* in 2013. These will later appear on the website.

### Collaboration

We collaborated with the ITC Committee on the specification of facilities that will support our future plans for online biographic information, as well as others, notably the Rolls of Honour (John Harrison and Henry Coggill). We expect to provide further input to the ICT Committee as it moves towards implementing the CMS. We are also grateful to Stuart Piper of the ICT committee for handling the very large number of updates to the website that we generated. We have collaborated with Andrew Craddock (*PealBase*), with David Willis helping to identify many 'ringers wives' and Andrew supplying useful peal records. Chris Kippin helped us by providing much fuller versions of two records for us.

We have received some accounts of ringers' lives considerably longer than our biographic records.

We welcome contributions to our work from other people, both as providers of information, and in a few cases as authors of biographic records. We would welcome the opportunity to work with other people who are interested in ringing history, for example those researching the history of their societies, or those who would like to add flesh to the record of someone whose current record is rather thin.

Members and former members of the Council who died in 2012 are as follows:

Peter John Staniforth, Leicester Diocesan Guild, 1956-1981, attended 19 Council meetings, died 5 February 2012.

Harold Walter Rogers, London County Association, 1946-2000; Life Member 2000-2012, attended 64 Council meetings, died 17 February 2012.

Kenneth Arthur, Durham & Newcastle Diocesan Association, 1960-1977, attended 17 Council meetings, died 17 February 2012.

Brian Derek Price, Honorary Member, 1950-1954, attended no Council meetings, died 21 February 2012.

Valhalla Vivienne Hepworth Grossmith, née Hill, Zimbabwe Guild, 1989-2004, attended 13 meetings, died 18 March 2012.

Anthony John Davidson, Truro Diocesan Guild 1963-1974, attended 11 meetings, died 20 August 2012.

Frances Vanora Hereward, Dorset County Association, 2008–2010, attended 1 meeting, died 27 July 2012.

Doris Eileen Colgate, Ladies Guild 1953-1983; Life Member 1983-2012, attended 47 meetings, died 11 September 2012.

Eric James Brunger, Norwich Diocesan Association 2011-2012, attended no meetings, died 25 September 2012.

Jean Kelly, Ladies Guild 1999-2002 and Lancashire Association 2004-2008, attended 6 meetings, died 9 December 2012.

The identity of one former member has been clarified during the year:

Walter Charles Rose, Gloucester Deanery of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association 1932-1935, attended 4 meetings, died in 1987.

JOHN HARRISON *(Chairman from June)*
PATRICIA HALLS
*(Chairman to June; co-opted from June)*
RICHARD ANDREW
HILARY ASLETT
WILLIAM BUTLER
HENRY COGGILL
PATRICK HICKEY
BRIAN HULLAH
BOBBIE MAY
MARGARET ORAM
DAVID WILLIS

## Compositions Committee

The Compositions Committee held a face to face meeting in Chester and is in regular contact by conference call and email.

During the year, the Committee collated for publishing in *The Ringing World* date touches for 2013, touches for the Olympic Games and Jubilee events, and touches of 1912 changes to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the *Titanic*.

Reviews of compositions in *The Ringing World* included a long length of Glasgow Surprise Major, articles on Pudsey Surprise Major, and computer generated compositions for the Standard Eight. Ringing World Diary compositions were updated in conjunction with the Methods Committee.

Currently the main emphasis of the Committee's work is to maintain and update the web collection of peal (19,863 as at 20 Jan 2013) and quarter peal (1,295) compositions and encourage new submissions, particularly from young and aspiring composers.

432 peal compositions have been uploaded to the website, of which 184 were Stedman. 33 people contributed, but 68% of compositions were provided by just 3 composers. 103 quarter peal compositions were uploaded, 47% Stedman, Plain Bob or Grandsire. These were provided by 17 composers, again with 3 composers providing 56% of the material.

The boundaries of change ringing are being pushed further and further, leading to innovative developments in composition, and the increasing use of 'link' methods to move to the next section or group of musical changes. Most new compositions are specifically designed to generate little bell runs and/or cyclic runs, some of these including the treble bell. These compositions are musically excellent, but very complex and likely to be rung by small groups of highly accomplished ringers. Recent examples of this include cyclic compositions by Alan Reading, David Hull and David Pipe.

Many new compositions are now available with the peal performances on *Campanophile* and *BellBoard* and in private web collections hosted by individual composers. Innovative compositions are actively discussed and reviewed on ringing chat and ringing theory sites; therefore additional reviews by the Compositions Committee might be thought to be superfluous.

The Committee is therefore looking more to produce articles about specific methods, providing an insight to the method, the history, and some of the composition options available. Any suggestions for such articles or contributions from composers would be welcome.

The Committee is also reviewing its terms of reference and how this will impact on future work.

The current terms of reference are as follows:

- to promote the art of composition;
- to maintain a representative collection of peal compositions and compositions of other lengths and to prepare for publication such collections as the Council shall direct;
- to select, check and prepare compositions for publication in *The Ringing World*;
- to encourage the use of aids in composition.

The remit was discussed during the recent Compositions Committee conference call, where amendments to the terms of reference were proposed as follows:

- to promote the art of composition and to encourage aspiring composers;
- to encourage innovative ideas in composition and facilitate publication of articles and reviews promoting the art of composition;
- to maintain an online representative collection of peal and quarter peal compositions and prepare for publication such collections as the Council shall direct;
- to select, check and prepare compositions for publication in *The Ringing World*.

We wish to pay tribute to the work of Roger Bailey who served on this Committee from 1990 to 2009 (Chairman 1993 to 1999). As ringing colleagues have stated, aside from his humorous reviews of compositions, Roger had an encyclopaedic knowledge of change ringing and will be sorely missed by the ringing fraternity. His contribution to original compositions included a three part peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor and universal compositions of Treble Bob Major which he called extensively in handbell peals. Prior to his illness, Roger was collating a collection of handbell compositions for the committee, and we will endeavour to complete this in his memory.

Finally, to reiterate, we very much welcome submissions of new peal and quarter peal compositions and these should be sent to **compositions@cccbr.org.uk**

PAUL FLAVELL *(Chairman)*
RICHARD ALLTON
FRED BONE
MIKE HOPKINS TILL
STUART HUTCHIESON
PHILIP LARTER
PAUL SEAMAN
JOHN THOMPSON

## Education Committee

Since the Council meeting in 2012 the Committee has met twice at Wellesbourne in Warwickshire, and joined in one telephone conference call. Under the rolling election procedure Brian Sanders, Geoff Horritt and Catherine Lewis were re-elected for another term on the Committee. Wendy Graham did not seek re-election and Claire Bell resigned owing to family commitments. We welcomed two new members, Susan Laycock (Yorkshire Association) and Tony Furnivall (North American Guild). The Committee now extends its warm wishes to Susan Welch (née Laycock) upon her recent marriage.

Arising from the Wellesbourne consultation exercise "Change Ringing for the Future" in November 2011, the Vice-President of the Council convened a forum to examine recruitment and training. This Committee is well represented on the forum whose members are drawn from a broad spectrum of stakeholders in the future of the Exercise.

Within that context, the overhaul of our existing courses and material continues, but with the emphasis more towards developing courses for local presentation. The only course presented by the Committee itself was a new version of the Listening Course, designed for use with standard PC software. This was run and tested successfully for the Wirral Branch of the Chester Guild, whose preliminary enquiry was reported last year. The Kent initiative of a course presented in instalments continues to operate, but is now a local enterprise and no longer under the Committee's aegis.

The Mentored Conducting scheme for aspiring conductors has little progress to report. The Committee is still reviewing material for this, as well as for the course on tower leadership as pioneered for the Bath & Wells Axbridge Branch last year. Seven Committee members are ITTS tutors and three serve on the Management Committee of the Association of Ringing Teachers.

With such multiplicity of members' involvements, it is quite possible that our future teaching material may be produced in collaboration with other training agencies. Writing new subject matter is an important part of the Committee's remit, but we are working with other agencies to source and catalogue teaching material that already exists on ringing sites across the internet.

Regarding publications, the first copies of Simon Linford's book *Judging Striking Competitions* have left the printers and the book will be on the shelves very shortly. Pressure of other commitments meant that Committee members were unable to continue producing monthly articles for *The Ringing World*, although the aim is to submit shorter more regular contributions. A compilation of the articles "Learning – what helps, what hinders" by Wendy Graham is currently being formatted and proofread for publication in book form. There is no progress to report on a text for handbell ringing.

The series "Learning Together" now appears in the Ringing Practice Toolkit on the Committee's web pages of the Council's site and is being revised as a set of shorter items.

*The Listening Course at Irby on the Wirral. Course leaders Peter Dale and Duncan Walker on the left and James Blackburn kneeling at the front*

Rather than trying to overcome printing and distribution problems, it was decided that the wall charts illustrating good and poor handling should also be made available on these pages. A compilation of the wealth of material in the Toolkit is currently being undertaken for publication in printed form, possibly as a collection of separate sheets for duplication.

Many people assist the Committee with its work and we extend our thanks to them all. In the coming year we shall continue to work with the Ringing Centres Committee and the Ringing Foundation, and other committees and agencies charged with ensuring the future of the Exercise.

PETER DALE *(Chairman)*
GEOFF HORRITT *(Secretary)*
BRIAN SANDERS *(Treasurer)*
JAMES BLACKBURN
SUE FAULL
TONY FURNIVALL
GILL HUGHES
CATHERINE LEWIS
PIP PENNEY
DEBORAH THORLEY
DUNCAN WALKER
SUSAN WELCH

## Report of the Stewards of the Carter Ringing Machine Collection

The past year has seen no real activity. No requests for demonstrations have been received, and no real work has been done on either Carter or Cummins machines. It is our intention to manufacture some replacement parts for the Carter machine to bring it into full working order, but this has been delayed as my workshop has been unavailable for a significant part of the year due to building work.

Alan Berry is intending to step down as Steward in 2014, at the end of his current period of stewardship. At present we have no-one who has shown any interest in becoming involved with the machines and as Bill Purvis is not an active ringer, he will be reluctant to be re-elected unless someone who is a competent ringer is willing to step forward.

BILL PURVIS
ALAN BERRY

## Report of the Steward of the Rolls of Honour

The two original Memorial Books are kept in their display case at St Paul's Cathedral; they are in good condition and the pages are regularly turned. The original Great War Book currently records 1,207 names and the WWII Book 300 names.

The Rolls of Honour website pages have been updated as additional information is received. I am pleased to report that we continue to identify the Commonwealth War Grave records of a number of those in the original Great War book – at the present time there are just 38 that are unresolved. Special thanks to Kate Pearce of Bradoc, Cornwall who helped identify those remaining ones from the Truro Diocesan Guild and Alan Seymour of Burgess Hill, Sussex along with Margaret Oram of Warnham, Sussex, who helped to identify the remaining ones from their own county.

Experiments with adding photographs to the *Flickr* online photo management and sharing application have continued and it is hoped that links will soon be available to the collection of relevant photographs which continues to grow.

The work on the new Great War Roll of Honour book II has now been completed; it is a beautiful work and I am most grateful to Tim Noad, the illuminator, and to Shepherds of Rochester Row, Westminster who bound the book for their skill and craftmanship. An article about the new book appeared in *The Ringing World*, issue 5298, on 9th November 2012 describing the work in detail.

In total just over £4,100.00 has been donated by ringers, towers, societies, guilds and associations, to all of whom I am most grateful. This has more than covered the cost and the balance will be used to write in new names as they come to light.

As always I am grateful to ringers and others for supplying information and once again Yvonne Cairns and David Underdown have provided valuable assistance. Through my research and this input the Great War Roll of Honour Book II now contains 95 Names with space for many more.

As the 100th anniversary of the start of The Great War approaches I hope that, as ringers, we can commemorate those that rang before us and who made the great sacrifice. I shall be putting together some ideas which I aim to present at the next meeting of the Central Council.

ALAN REGIN

## Report of the Stewards of the *Dove* Database

Both in our last printed report to Council and at the time of its presentation to the 2012 annual meeting, we indicated that we would be pleased to learn whether there might be someone from the younger generation who would like to join us in order to widen the awareness of ***Dove***'s presence on the internet by venturing into the social networking arena on our behalf. We are pleased to be able to report that a *Facebook* page was very quickly brought into existence by George Salter and,

more recently, Rosalind Martin has offered her help with Twitter. Our thanks go to them for their offers and their enthusiasm, and we trust that their work will be appreciated by those who spend their time in that particular way in the modern world.

On 16 July 2012 we received and processed our 10,000th ***pNBR*** submission. That indicates to us the interest which our users have shown in this aspect of the ***Dove*** website. We are most grateful to all who contributed initially to the setting up of this corpus of data about our rings of bells, made valuable additions subsequently, and those who continue to do so. In the bottom left-hand corner of our Home Page we show just how far progress has been made towards complete coverage, both with regard to the data about just the bells within each ring and also to those plus the others in that tower (eg, sanctus and service bells and the like). Nevertheless it indicates that we are still far off anything like comprehensive coverage, and we are confident there is more data out there which would be usefully added.

Keeping pace with the information flow that is involved in all of this is no mean task: our records show that, taken overall over the course of (more than) the last 4 years, we have made at least 9 changes per day to the information that is displayed on the site, and – more often than not – the website is updated on a daily basis.

In the period under review we had a hiccup with dove.txt file availability. It became clear that providing it in such a readily usable format needed to become more formalised. The decision was taken initially to withdraw all access while discussions took place between Council officers and all who are closely involved with the project. Then, a short-term mechanism was agreed upon as just how to make access to it again possible (in which data, after all, the CCCBR has an IPR – namely, intellectual property rights – interest) particularly providing the request was for personal use, and on the explicit understanding that the file would not be passed to a third party, nor a copy asked for on too frequent a basis. A more formal strategy was designed and is being implemented by Sid Baldwin as this report is being written, and is one which involves considerably less human intervention. What we were unhappy about – as would our users, we anticipated – was the possibility that the data could be 're-packaged and re-presented' by another developer within the context of an application which was laden with inappropriate advertising and which would result in them profiting from the extreme hard work of the many who had striven for some years, and continue to do so, to make the ***Dove*** data as accurate as possible. We felt that if any income were to accrue from its availability, then it is the CCCBR itself that should benefit.

Google Analytics are used to get a quantitative feeling for just how much the ***Dove*** website is used. The following figures related to the period 31 Aug – 30 Sep 2012 and are typical:

- Number of unique visitors: 5,779
- Number of visits: 15,014 (typically 500 per day, with no day less than 390)
- Average number of webpages viewed per visit: 6.6
- Average visit duration: 4mins 33secs
- 76% of those using the website had also 'visited' the site in the month preceding their visit.

The highest number of users that we have seen using the site at any one instant is 14. Peak usage normally seems to occur on a Sunday evening and, equally unsurprisingly, Saturday normally sees the lowest usage during the course of any one week.

While these figures almost certainly pale into insignificance in comparison with usage of commercial websites, they make us feel that the effort of keeping ***Dove*** and the ***pNBR*** updated is worthwhile when considering the size of our community of interest.

We are very conscious that there is a reasonable upper limit to the amount of information that should be collected and displayed on the ***Dove*** website recognising that this is a very demanding task in terms of the amount of time and constant availability of those involved. For that reason, having added it in June 2012, six months later we retracted from showing the partial tones that had been supplied for a number of the bells in the ***pNBR***. Moreover, continually extending the range of data actually detracts our available manpower effort from other higher priority tasks (such as trying to move away from the use of a DOS-based product for the underlying database in which the data continues to be stored).

As in previous years, we are exceedingly grateful to Sid Baldwin and to Ron Johnston for their input and guidance in this very labour-intensive activity on behalf of ringers everywhere. Our aim is to keep each day's presentation of the data in ***Dove*** "the most accurate it's ever been" and to that end we encourage people to tell us when things change and, if only temporarily, when they revert to normality. Please do check that what we put up on the website actually does match what was intended: it is always possible that we may misunderstand, and also that we may not actually enter everything accurately despite the diligence of Tim Jackson in his assiduous checking of what does appear.

JOHN BALDWIN
TIM JACKSON

# Rescue Fund for Redundant Bells

The full name of the charity is:-

**CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS RESCUE FUND FOR REDUNDANT BELLS**

The charity is not incorporated. The constitution derives from rules adopted on the 29th May 1979 (amended on the 26th May 2008) and registered with the Charity Commission on the 22nd October 1979. The Charity's registration number is 278816.

The principal address of the Charity is that of the secretary namely:-

**8 LEBANON GARDENS, LONDON SW18 1RG.**

The principal object of the Fund is to advance the Christian religion by the rescue of redundant bells for the purpose of their being rehoused elsewhere for ringing in churches.

The Trustees of the Fund are the members of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers Committee for Redundant Bells namely:-

R. J.Cooles
T. Jackson
R. Lewis
J. Newman
Miss Helen Webb
D. Westerman
The Honorary Secretary is: R. J. Cooles
The Honorary Treasurer is: Helen Webb

## Annual Report: 2012

2012 has been another year where the Fund was not called upon to make any emergency loans. However, the Trustees did decide that it would be appropriate to fund the rescue of bells or rings of bells not only by means of a direct loan to a PCC concerned but alternatively to the Keltek Trust Bell Rescue Fund where the Keltek Trust was working with the Fund Trustees in securing the future of a particular bell or bells. The Fund Trustees' decision was that such an arrangement with the Keltek Trust would facilitate a speedier repayment of a loan rather than where a loan has been made to a PCC.

In line with this policy the Fund has made a loan available to the Keltek Trust Rescue Fund of £4,500. This has secured the future of a number of individual bells otherwise at risk of loss. These bells are now being incorporated within new or augmented rings of bells. Following on the success of this arrangement additional funding from the Fund's own resources (rather than by calling on loans) is intended to be provided during the current year.

The Trustees of the Fund continue to be grateful to those who nominate the Fund as the beneficiary of 'EveryClick' and to those who continue their loan facility. If you have not offered an interest free loan to the Rescue Fund – only to be taken up in case of need – then Helen Webb as treasurer would be very glad if you would.

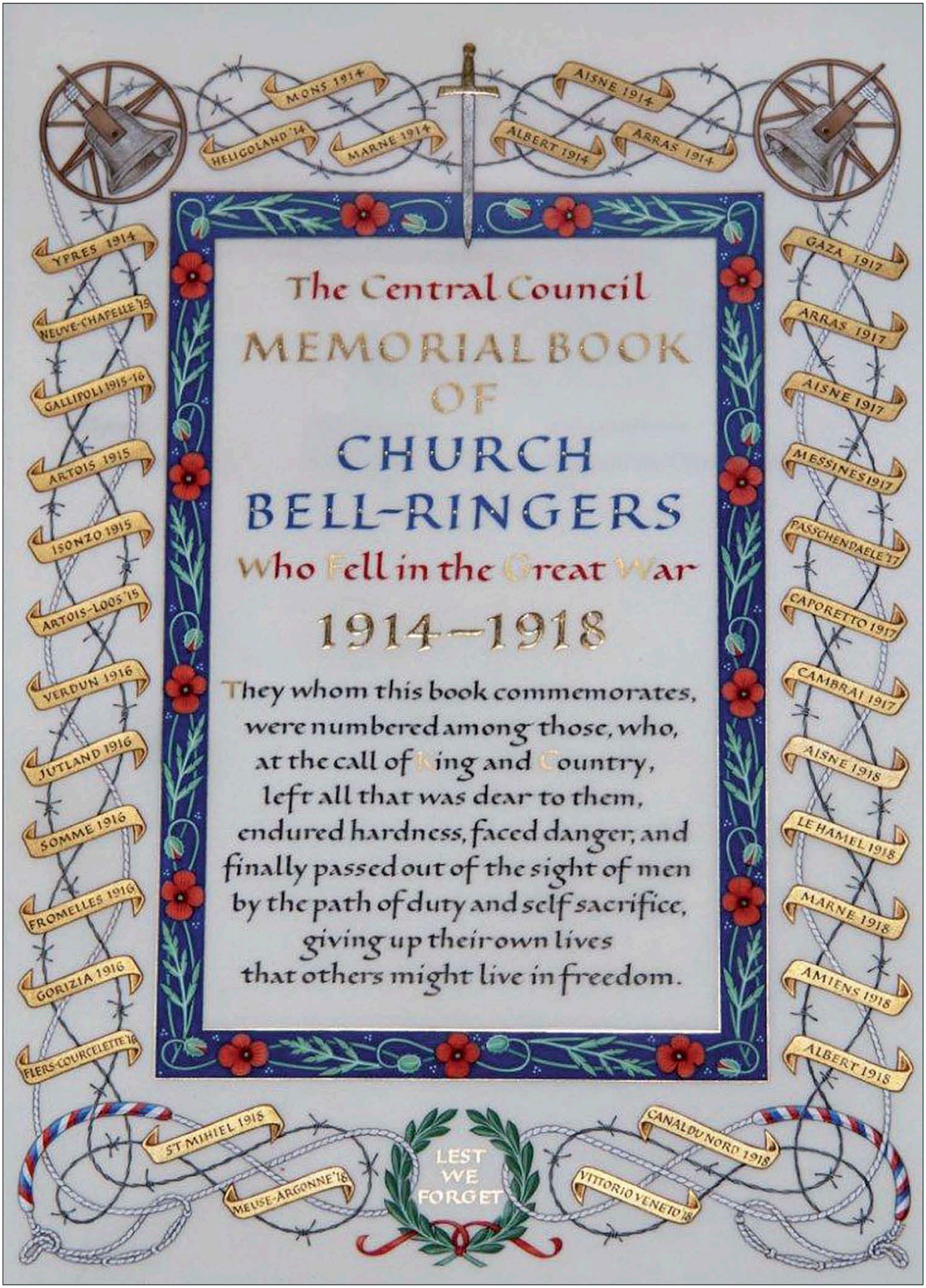
R. J. COOLES (*Honorary Secretary)*
HELEN WEBB (*Honorary Treasurer)*

**Rescue Fund for Redundant Bells**
Registered Charity No 278816

**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2012**

| | *2012* | *2011* |
|---|---|---|
| **Incoming resources** | | |
| Interest receivable | 76 | *65* |
| Every Click (= donations from ringers) | 32 | *12* |
| Donations | 102 | *0* |
| **Resources expended** | | |
| Payments | 0 | *0* |
| **Net incoming resources** | **210** | **77** |
| Balances at 1 January 2012 | 13,361 | *13,284* |
| Balances at 31 December 2012 | 13,571 | *13,361* |
| **Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2012** | | |
| **Current assets** | | |
| Loan to Keltek Trust Rescue Fund | 4,500 | *0* |
| Cash in bank and on deposit | 9,071 | *13,361* |
| **Total current assets** | **13,571** | **13,361** |
| **Current liabilities** | 0 | *0* |
| **Net current assets** | **13,571** | **13,361** |
| **Funds** | | |
| Unrestricted | **13,571** | **13,361** |

HELEN WEBB
18 March 2013




*Memorial Book II – title page* (See report of the Steward of the Rolls of Honour on p.450)