

2015 Central Council Supplement



Sussex young ringers making miniature bell ropes on the John & Mary Norris Dumbells stand at the 2014 Ringing Roadshow held at Newbury Racecourse –
(l-r): Andrew Meyer from Shipley helping Ollie Watson and Rachel Mahoney from Hurstpierpoint

Photo by Robert Lewis

From the President

As the second meeting of the triennium, most of you will be familiar with the working of the Council but for those who have joined as representatives this year a warm welcome. I hope that you will find some of the issues which we will be addressing this year stimulating and remember that each and every member should be both bringing views to the Council and taking back ideas to their respective societies.

I have found my first year as President challenging, not only following the standard set by Kate Flavell, but also with key problems confronting ringing coming to the fore. One subject uppermost in our deliberations will be the future ways to sustain good quality recruitment, training and retention of ringers. Whilst the Council through its members will seek to give a lead, it will be the hard work and enthusiasm of ringers locally which will determine the success of any new initiatives. What may have seemed a drawn out process has seen input through a *Recruitment and Training Forum* followed by a series of “*Have Your Say*” sessions at regional centres. The last two of these took place in July in Exeter and in October in Ryde (IOW) which together with earlier seminars gave valuable feedback on requirements and expectations at local level with suggestions as to ways in which the Council and its committees could support local activity. Particular thanks must go to the local organisers and speakers from Worcester, Birmingham, the Association of Ringing Teachers and the Ringing Foundation.



Chris Mew (right) meeting visitors on the Ringing World stand at the 2014 Ringing Roadshow in Newbury (Photo: Robert Lewis)

Organised by The Ringing World Ltd, the National Youth Contest again proved an outstanding success and all credit goes to those involved, especially Worcester Cathedral ringers. If anyone doubts the ability to attract young people to ringing they should have experienced the day and the electric atmosphere of the occasion. We expect the fifth contest this year to be an equally uplifting event on July 11th in Oxford.

The Council's Ringing Roadshow held at Newbury racecourse in September was an outstanding success with some 2,000 ringers and friends attending on the day. There were three floors of exhibits ranging from casting bells to computer programmes and leather muffles to literature, opportunities to try out dumb-bells and no less than 8 mini-rings. The greatest pleasure was to meet many new and old friends on the day.

Later in September Ann and I had the honour of being guests at a banquet held in the Guildhall, London to mark the 400th Anniversary of the granting of a Royal Charter to the Founders Company. There were nearly 500 persons present including representatives of three bell-founding families, a worthy occasion for the Livery Company which has been so supportive of ringing activities.

Ringing to mark the Centenary of the commencement of World War I and its consequences has involved many ringers and it has been fitting that many communities have focused on their own specific losses. The ringing of hand-bells in France was touching. There has been much local research and our own Rolls of Honour continue to be updated.

The rôle of ringers in marking events close to the public heart continues to be one of our most important contributions which is generally appreciated by a wider audience. The impending 800th Anniversary ringing for Magna Carta on 14th June has received earlier publicity and other special occasions are listed on the CCCBR website under “things to ring for”. Our own special interest occurs on 2nd May with celebrations of the first known true peal in Norwich. The aim to get 300 new “first pealers” during 2015 is commended and something that we can all assist with.

The work of the Council continues throughout the year and I have managed to attend meetings of the Public Relations, Education and Towers & Belfries committees together with our regular meetings with English Heritage and the Church Buildings Council and the Diocesan Bell Advisers conference. I also recently took part in two radio interviews which I hope drew attention to the attractions of ringing for the listening public.

A special additional meeting of the Administrative Committee was held in July to specifically look at the function and future rôle of the Council. Like *The Ringing World* a key issue is future funding and the extent to which we can be more effective in supporting and encouraging local ringing development. The more detailed work of committees is reported elsewhere in this document and your support for and participation in the work of the Council is vital whether through membership of a committee, individual effort locally or influence in your own ringing society. You are the Council and its success depends on you.

CHRIS MEW

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

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The second session of the 42nd Council (118th Annual Meeting) will be held on Monday 25 May 2015 in the Mercure Hull Royal Hotel, Ferensway, Hull, starting at 9.30 a.m.

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. Welcome to new members.
4. Apologies for absence.
5. Loss of members through death.
6. Minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting (*p.409*).
7. Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
8. Annual Report of the Council (*p.416*).
9. Accounts for 2014 (*p.416*).
10. Election of Additional Members:
Robert Lewis and Jane Wilkinson retire. The following nominations have been received; in accordance with Rule 6(ii), supporting statements for the candidates are given in Appendix A (*p.408*) of this Agenda:

<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Seconder</i>
Jane Wilkinson	John Baldwin	Derek Sibson
Robert Lewis	Mike Chester	Michael Church
11. Election of Public Relations Officer:

<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Seconder</i>
Kate Flavell	Bob Cooles	Richard Wallis
12. Motions:
 - (A) That Rule 16(ii) (Terms of Reference of the Biographies Committee) be extended as follows:
To maintain an account of the work and general ringing activities of past and present ringers, to make the information created available to ringers and the wider public, and to foster an interest in the history of ringing.
Proposed on behalf of the Biographies Committee by John Harrison (Oxford Diocesan Guild) and seconded by Bobbie May (Oxford Diocesan Guild).
 - (B) That the Central Council meeting from 2018 onwards should be held during the first weekend in September.
Proposed by Andrew Wilby (Ancient Society of College Youths) and seconded by Christopher O'Mahony (Australian and New Zealand Association).
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.420*):
Kate Flavell has become an ex-officio member. Fred Bone, Robert Lewis and Jane Wilkinson retire. There are 4 vacancies.
 - (b) Methods (*p.421*):
Tony Smith has resigned. Stephen Jones is no longer a member of Council. There are 3 vacancies.
 - (c) Peal Records (*p.422*):
Richard Allton, Mark Bell and Ben Duke retire. There are 3 vacancies.
 - (d) Public Relations (*p.426*):
Rosalind Martin is no longer a member of Council. Beverly Faber, John Harrison and Lynne Hughes retire. There are 5 vacancies.
 - (e) Publications (*p.427*):
Philip Green and Barbara Wheeler retire. There are 2 vacancies.
 - (f) Redundant Bells (*p.427*):
Tim Jackson and David Westerman retire. There are 2 vacancies.
 - (g) Ringing Centres (*p.428*):
Alan Bentley is no longer a member of Council. Robert Brown and Richard Newman retire and are not seeking re-election. There are 3 vacancies.

- (h) Ringing Trends (p.429):
Andrew Wilby (co-opted), Elva Ainsworth and Tony Furnivall retire. There are 3 vacancies.
- (i) Towers & Belfries (p.429):
Adrian Semken has died. George Dawson, Chris Povey and David Roskelly retire. There are 4 vacancies.
- (j) Tower Stewardship (p.430):
John Hall is no longer a member of Council. Ernie de Legh-Runciman retires. There are 2 vacancies.
- (k) Bell Restoration (p.430):
John Barnes, Ken Davenport and Chris Rogers retire. There are 4 vacancies.
- (l) Biographies (p.431):
Patrick Hickey, Bobbie May and Margaret Oram retire. There are 3 vacancies.
- (m) Compositions (p.432):
Fred Bone and Stuart Hutchieson retire. Stuart Hutchieson is not seeking re-election. There are 2 vacancies.
- (n) Education (p.432):
Tony Furnivall, Geoff Horritt, Catherine Lewis and Brian Sanders retire. There are 6 vacancies.
- (o) Information and Communications Technology (p.433):
Andrew Hall (co-opted), Alan Chantler, Stephen Nash and Stuart Piper retire. Alan Chantler and Stephen Nash do not seek re-election. There are 3 vacancies.
- (p) Library (p.433):
Linda Foddering and Jenny Lawrence retire. There are 2 vacancies.
- 15. Report of the Stewards of the Carter Ringing Machine Collection (p.434).
- 16. Report of the Steward of the Rolls of Honour (p.435).
- 17. Report of the Stewards of the Dove Database (p.435).
- 18. Central Council Rescue Fund for Redundant Bells (registered charity no. 278816) (p.436):
Report and Accounts.
- 19. Future meetings.
- 20. Any other business.

MARY BONE
Hon Secretary

Appendix A

Additional Member Nominations – Supporting Statements

Jane Wilkinson

Originally elected to Council to help establish the Committee for Redundant Bells, Jane has worked energetically throughout her Council membership not only in that sphere but also continuously on one or other committee or as a Council officer.

Vice-President in 1993-96, Jane subsequently served as the first female President until 1999. This involved leading preparations for the major Ring In 2000 preparatory drive, and for Ring in the Millennium, the Council's distribution of £3m Millennium Commission funding which enabled the restoration of 150 rings

of bells. In 1999 she joined the Public Relations Committee, serving a term as its Chairman, and she has continued to serve us as a member of the Administrative Committee in recent years.

As Council President in the run up to the Millennium celebrations, and as PR Committee Chairman during preparations for two Roadshows, Jane's wide knowledge of ringing and the Council proved invaluable; and she was able to add a wealth of experience in dealing with the media and with organisations outside ringing.

It is our view that we as a Council need to be able to call upon Jane's wisdom and expertise, and we commend her election as an Additional Member.

Proposed by
Seconded by

John Baldwin
Derek Sibson

Robert Lewis

Robert has been the Editor of *The Ringing World* for 15 years and has been a member of the Central Council throughout this time.

As such, he provides a vital link between Council and the body of ringers throughout the ringing world. We feel that it is extremely important that Robert is allowed to continue working in this unique rôle and ask members to support his re-election as an Additional Member.

Proposed by
Seconded by

Mike Chester
Michael Church

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dove.cccbr.org.uk/home.php

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The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

Minutes of the First Session of the 42nd Council (117th Annual Meeting), held in the Marriott Tudor Park Hotel, Ashford Road, Bearsted, Maidstone on Monday 26th May 2014, at 9.30 a.m.

Present

Life Members: John Baldwin, William Butler, David Kelly, Andrew Stubbs, David Thorne.

Additional Members: Elva Ainsworth, Stella Bianco, Roger Booth, Robert Cooles, Alan Frost, Robert Lewis, Adrian Semken, Peter Trotman, Jane Wilkinson.

Ex-officio: Mary Bone, Nigel Herriott, Tim Jackson, Brian Meads, Bill Purvis, Alan Regin, Robin Walker.

Ancient Society of College Youths: Richard Allton, Leigh Simpson#, Andrew Wilby.

Australian & New Zealand Assn: Peter Harrison*, Christopher O'Mahony, James Smith, Matthew Sorell.

Barrow & District Society: David Hibbert*.

Bath & Wells Dio. Assn: Roland Backhurst, Jay Bunyan, Michael Hansford, Richard Newman, George Wyatt*.

Bedfordshire Assn: Patrick Albon, Richard Horne, Sue Silver.

Beverley & District Society: James Blackburn.

Cambridge Univ. Guild: David Richards.

Carlisle Dio. Guild: Christine de Cordova*, Duncan Walker.

Chester Dio. Guild: David Jones*, Michael Orme, Peter Wilkinson, Stefan Zientek.

Coventry Dio. Guild: Michael Chester, Christopher Mew.

Derby Dio. Assn: Andrew Hall*, Patricia Halls, Gill Hughes.

Devon Assn: Robert Brown, Mervyn Way.

Devonshire Guild: Leslie Boyce, James Clarke, Lynne Hughes, Fergus Stracey*.

Dorset County Assn: Timothy Collins, Maureen Frost#.

Durham & Newcastle Dio. Assn: Barbara Wheeler.

Durham Univ. Society: Michael Williams.

East Derbys & West Notts Assn: Brynley Richards#.

East Grinstead & District Guild: Kate Desbottes.

Ely Dio. Assn: Philip Bailey, George Bonham, Sue Marsden*, Paul Seaman.

Essex Assn: John Armstrong, Fred Bone, Wendy Godden, John Hall*, Stephen Nash.

Four Shires Guild: Andrew Gunn#, Christopher Povey.

Gloucester & Bristol Dio. Assn: Derek Harbottle, Patrick Hickey, Angela Newing, John Nicholls.

Guild of St Agatha: Anne Bray.

Guildford Dio. Guild: Anne Anthony, John Couperthwaite, Beryl Norris, Christopher Rogers.

Hereford Dio. Guild: John Croxton, Jenny Lawrence, Colin Ward*.

Hertford County Assn: Geoff Horritt, Margaret Horritt, Guy Morton, Sue Morton.

Irish Assn: June Kelly, Julia Lysaght.

Kent County Assn: Douglas Davis*, David Grimwood*, Philip Larter, Catherine Lewis, Frank Lewis#.

Ladies Guild: Carolyn Dawson, Helen Webb, Jan Wyatt.

Lancashire Assn: Giles Blundell#, Alison Brittliff, Ernie de Legh-Runciman, Christopher Fletcher*, Beth Ingham.

Leeds University Society: Adam Crocker.

Leicester Dio. Guild: Carol Franklin, Andrew Preston, Arthur Rees*.

Lichfield & Walsall Archd. Society: Stuart Hutchieson, Andrew Ogden*.

Lincoln Dio. Guild: Philip Green, Robin Heppenstall, Christopher Sharp*, Christopher Turner*.

Liverpool Univ. Society: Richard Andrew.

Llandaff & Monmouth Dio. Assn: Jonathan Lewis#, Pip Penney.

Middlesex County Assn. & London Dio. Guild: Frank Blagrove, Linda Foddering, Peter Kemp, Helen Udal.

National Police Guild: Barry Peachey.

North American Guild: Bruce Butler, Alan Ellis#, Beverly Faber, Anthony Furnivall.

North Staffordshire Assn: Ray Ballard*, Jan Hine*, Tim Hine*.

North Wales Assn: Antony Diserens, David Raggett*.

Norwich Dio. Assn: Peter Adcock, Jenny Brunger, Michael Clements, Maureen Gardiner*.

Oxford Dio. Guild: Ken Davenport, John Harrison, Lucy Hopkins Till, Bobbie May, Timothy Pett.

Oxford Society: Bernard Stone.

Peterborough Dio. Guild: Hilary Aslett, Jane Sibson, David Westerman.

St Martin's Guild: Stephen Jones.

Salisbury Dio. Guild: Tom Garrett*, Julian Hemper*, Andrew Howes, Anthony Lovell-Wood, Julian Newman.

Scottish Assn: Stephen Elwell-Sutton, Ruth Marshall*.

Shropshire Assn: Sue Buckingham, Alan Glover.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: John Barnes, Ben Duke, Ian Oram, Derek Sibson.

Society of Sherwood Youths: Jane Woolley*.

South African Guild: James Champion*.

Southwell and Nottingham Dio. Guild: George Dawson, Anne Sladen*, Robin Woolley.

Suffolk Guild: Veronica Downing, Peter Harper*, Stephen Pettman, George Salter*.

Surrey Assn: Jeremy Cheesman, Kate Flavell, Paul Flavell, Richard Wallis.

Sussex County Assn: Andrew Barnsdale, Stephen Beckingham*, Anne Franklin*, David Kirkcaldy, Margaret Oram.

Swansea & Brecon Dio. Guild: Paul Johnson, David Katz*.

Truro Dio. Guild: Mary Jones, Norman Mattingley, Helen Perry#, Robert Perry, Ian Self.

Univ. Bristol Society: Richard Webster*, Robert Wood.

Univ. London Society: Jacqui Bale*.

Veronese Assn: David Roskelly.

Winchester & Portsmouth Dio. Guild: Michael Church, Rosalind Martin*, Peter Niblett, Vivien Nobbs*, Anthony Smith.

Worcestershire & Districts Assn: Alison Hodge, Paul Marshall*, Stuart Piper, Alan Roberts.

Yorkshire Assn: Barrie Dove, Peter Kirby, Brian Sanders, Deborah Thorley, Susan Welch.

Birmingham University Society, Oxford University Society and the St David's Diocesan Guild were not represented.

The Chair was taken by the President, Kate Flavell.

1. Opening Prayer

Peter Wilkinson (Chester Diocesan Guild) led members in prayer.

2. Report as to membership and subscriptions

The Hon Secretary, Mary Bone, reported that 66 societies were affiliated to the Council with 196 representatives; there were five vacancies. There were 4 Life Members, 10 Additional Members and 8 ex-officio Members. Two subscriptions were outstanding from Birmingham University Society and the St David's Guild. She urged those societies which had not yet returned the triennial certificate to do so and encouraged societies with vacancies to fill these as soon as possible.

3. Application to affiliate

The Hon Secretary reported that documentation had been received from the Guild of St Agatha, confirming that the Guild met the requirements of Rule 4 (ii). The application was reviewed by the Administrative Committee in March, which recommended affiliation. The application was approved by majority and the President declared the Guild affiliated. Anne Bray took her seat as a representative member.

4. Welcome to new members

The President gave a warm welcome to new and returning members (indicated by * and # respectively in the list of those present). Applause greeted those members aged 18 and under. She additionally noted that this was Frank Blagrove's 55th meeting (applause).

The President informed members that the proceedings were being recorded to assist with the Minutes. No recording would be published without the consent of the member(s) concerned.

5. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from David Willis (Additional Member), Peter Mackie (Ancient Society of College Youths), John Atkinson (Beverley & District Society), Michael Woolley (Birmingham University Society), Christopher Idle (Coventry DG), Howard Smith (Durham & Newcastle DA), Jane Mason (Hereford DG), Winifred Warwick (Leicester DG), Mark Bell (Oxford US) and Alan Chantler (Peterborough DG). Further apologies were presented from Robert Flockton (Cambridge UG), Matthew Cracknell (Durham & Newcastle DA), Bill Nash (Gloucester & Bristol DA), Alan Bentley (Oxford DG), Andrew Mills (Southwell & Nottingham DG) and Eles Belfontali (Veronese Assn).

6. Loss of members through death

Members stood in silence as the Hon Secretary read the names of the following former members who had died since the last meeting: Alan Smith (Suffolk Guild 1984-2008); Jack Worrall (Guildford DG 1954-1957); Shelagh Melville (Peterborough DG 1963-1966); David Strong (Gloucester & Bristol DA 1993-2002, Winchester & Portsmouth DG 2008-2011); Margery Wratten (Honorary Member 1972-1993); William Weller (Sussex CA 1963-1973); John Atkinson (Durham & Newcastle DA 1982-1987). The Revd John Baldwin led members in prayer.

7. Minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27th May 2013 had been published in *The Ringing World* of 30th August 2013. The President noted that corrections to the Minutes had been published as an appendix to the agenda.

There being no further corrections, the Minutes were approved and signed by the President.

The President drew attention to the second Appendix to the Report of the Administrative Committee and reminded members to declare any interest in the bell-related trade to the Hon Secretary 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. The President also asked members to remember that all members are volunteers and should be treated with respect and courtesy.

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

No member wished to raise any matter.

9. Annual Report of the Council

(RW 25th April 2014, p437-438)

The Hon Secretary noted that 3 vacancies had been filled since the Annual Report was prepared. The figures in the last 2 sentences of paragraph 4 were amended to read "... 4 Life Members, 10 Additional Members, 8 ex-officio Members and 196 Representative Members. There are 5 other vacancies.". The first paragraph of the Appendix was amended to

read "... while the Irish Association and the Oxford Society have each one member fewer. Of the 196 Representative Members, 145 (74%) were members of the previous Council (of whom one is representing a different society) and 51 are new members (of whom nine have been members at some time in the past)"; the second paragraph was changed to begin "49 Representative Members ...".

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

10. Accounts for 2013

(RW 25th April 2014, pp438-440)

The Hon Treasurer, Derek Harbottle, reported that the independent examiners had issued an unqualified report. The net movement of funds for 2013 was a negative figure of £10,793. The General Fund ended with a small surplus of £750, mostly due to the lower cost of the Guildford meeting. There was a transfer of £5,000 from the Publications Fund to the General Fund; the selling price of *Dove 10* was originally set to provide a contribution to the General Fund. There were no transactions in the Education Courses Fund. The Bell Restoration Fund showed an outflow of funds of £11,739. Of the grants awarded in 2010, a further two had been paid for a total of £2,400, leaving only one left to be paid. Following a request from and discussion with the Christchurch, NZ, ringers and cathedral authorities an amount of £10,000 was paid to John Taylor & Co. in November 2013 towards the refurbishment of the Cathedral bells. One grant was awarded from the Fred Dukes International Bell Fund: £1,300 to Katoomba, NSW; one grant awarded in 2012 was paid. The Publications Fund showed an outflow of funds, before the transfer mentioned above, of £3,800. Sales were significantly less than the previous year. Expenditure included a write-off provision of £3,100 against a number of titles with negligible sales. The Library Fund showed a surplus in the year of £3,777. Subscriptions from Friends of the Library were less than in 2012 at just over £1,700 but sales of publications, books and CDs were significantly up. The sale of surplus items in the library produced net income of £2,900.

Turning to 2014, the Hon Treasurer informed members that deposits would continue to be reviewed; he planned to have a number of fixed term deposits with different maturity dates, while ensuring that sufficient funds were available for the 2014 Roadshow and to pay grants awarded. As agreed at Guildford in 2013, affiliation subscriptions increased to £30 per representative member for 2014. The Administrative Committee reviewed the level of the subscription at its meeting in March 2014 and proposed no change for 2015. The financial objective of the Roadshow at Newbury was to break even and this should be achieved if an attendance of 2000 was reached.

The Hon Treasurer formally proposed the adoption of the Accounts; Chris Mew seconded.

Robin Woolley queried the policy of depreciating the Library collection (note 6), given the fact that it was revalued every five

years. Derek explained that it was considered good practice to continue this accounting policy. The collection had last been revalued in 2009 and the new Treasurer and Library Committee treasurer would take action on this.

Adoption of the accounts was agreed.

The President invited Matthew Sorell, who was unable to stay to the end of the meeting, to speak on Christchurch, NZ. Matthew informed members that the bells had now been returned to Christchurch and that approval had been given for a temporary tower to house a ring of 6 bells to be built next to the Transitional Cathedral. The project would cost £115,000 and an appeal would be launched shortly. ANZAB had already made a substantial donation from the legacy received in 2013.

11. Election of Life Members

(a) Andrew Wilby proposed that **Alan Frost** be elected to Life Membership of the Council. Andrew referred to Alan's 48 years of membership and his work with the Towers & Belfries Committee, both as a past chairman and as editor of the *Handbook*. Alan had also been a member of the Administrative Committee, a founder member of the Ringing Centres Committee, an original member of the Committee for Redundant Bells, and a member of the Millennium Bells sub-committee. Alan continued to serve the Exercise actively as bells adviser to 3 dioceses. James Clarke seconded.

(b) Bob Cooles proposed that **David Kelly** be elected to Life Membership of the Council for his service to the Exercise in establishing and running the Keltek Trust. Bob reminded members that the original plan for such an organisation had come from the Committee for Redundant Bells but at the time it had seemed impossible to set up such a body within the Central Council. Since the Keltek Trust had been in operation over 300 bells had been re-used as ringing bells in some 140 churches, not just within the UK, and a further 300 bells had been re-used as single bells. David worked full time for the Trust and in close-co-operation with the Committee for Redundant Bells. Chris Mew seconded.

Voting was by paper ballot and both proposals were carried by large majorities.

12. Election of Officers

The President invited the proposer of each candidate to address the meeting.

President – Chris Mew, who had been proposed by Ian Oram and seconded by Mike Chester, was the only nominee. The President declared him elected.

Vice-President – Christopher O'Mahony, who had been proposed by Tony Smith and seconded by Robert Wood, was the only nominee. The President declared him elected.

Hon Secretary – Mary Bone, who had been proposed by Angela Newing and seconded by Bob Cooles, was the only nominee. The President declared her elected.

Hon Assistant Secretary – Carol Franklin, who had been proposed by Alan Regin and seconded by Sue Morton, was the only nominee. The President declared her elected.

Hon Treasurer – Andrew Taylor, who had been proposed by Brian Meads and seconded by Steve Nash, was the only nominee. The President declared him elected.

The President made a presentation to the retiring officers, Derek Harbottle and Robin Walker, and proposed a vote of thanks to them for their many years of service to the Council (applause).

In accordance with Rule 12(i) the retiring Officers continued in office until the business of the meeting was concluded.

13. Election of Independent Examiners

Jeremy Cheesman was proposed by Bob Cooles and seconded by Kate Desbottes. Wendy Godden was proposed by Steve Nash and seconded by John Armstrong. There being no other nominations, the President declared them elected.

14. Election of Additional Members

Five 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: Elva Ainsworth, Mark Ainsworth, Alan Baldock, Alan Frost, Adrian Semken, Peter Trotman and David Willis. Alan Frost's nomination was withdrawn upon his election as a Life Member. After a ballot these candidates were declared elected. Seven vacancies remained unfilled.

15. Motions

(A) Amendment of Rule 14 (Independent Examiners)

The Hon Secretary proposed on behalf of the Administrative Committee:

That the last sentence of Rule 14 (Election of independent examiners) be expanded to read as follows:

"In the event of the Independent Examiners vacating office before the expiry of the three years, the officers shall have the power to make a temporary appointment to fill the vacancy until the ensuing meeting, which meeting shall elect a replacement for the remainder of the period."

The Hon Secretary referred to the Minutes of the 2013 meeting, during which it had been suggested that an independent examiner appointed in mid-term should stand for election at the next annual meeting. The motion made the officers, as charity trustees, responsible for an interim appointment, as recommended by the Charity Commission, and brought the wording of the rule in to line with that used in Rule 12. Tony Smith seconded.

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

(B) Terms of Reference of the Education Committee

Duncan Walker proposed on behalf of the Education Committee:

That Rule 16(iii) (Terms of Reference of the Education Committee) be replaced by the following:

"To lead the development of ringing education by: liaising with all organisations and individuals involved in ringing; identifying and defining best practices in ringing; and sharing knowledge of these practices to the ringing community, using the most appropriate media."

Duncan stated that the proposal would update the current terms of reference of the Committee and emphasise the importance of using technology and collaborating with the different groups involved in ringing education. Geoff Horritt, seconding, added that the proposed terms recognised the current operation of the Committee.

George Dawson, seconded by Rosalind Martin, proposed that the last clause should read "using all appropriate media". This proposal was accepted by the proposer and seconder.

John Harrison proposed that the last clause should be amended to read "using all appropriate means"; he stated that the Education Committee was an active committee, for instance running courses directly, and that the proposed wording was too limiting as it appeared to restrict the Committee to an information rôle. The amendment was seconded by Pat Hickey, put to the vote and passed.

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

(C) Amendment of Rules 12, 15 and 20 (Public Relations Officer)

On behalf of the Administrative Committee, Chris Mew, Vice-President, proposed:

That a new office of Public Relations Officer be created and that the following Rules be amended as indicated:

"In Rules 12(i) (in the first three sentences) and (ii), 15(iii)(a) and 20(ii) [but not in Rule 17] add 'Public Relations Officer' to the lists of officers.

Also in Rule 12(i) insert a new second sentence "The Public Relations Officer shall be an ex-officio member of the Public Relations Committee".

Chris referred to the background paper which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The motion arose from the consultations with societies at a number of regional meetings, which stressed the need to improve the image of ringing and develop the Council's external relations. The person appointed would provide a single point of contact for external queries and be pro-active in publicising the Council's work and correcting misleading statements in the media. Chris explained that the rules needed to be changed before any appointment or election could take place. It was hoped that a suitable person could take up an advisory rôle in the near future and be formally elected at the 2015 meeting. John Harrison, chairman of the Public Relations Committee, seconded. Chris added that the person elected would become an ex-officio member of the Public Relations Committee. He emphasised that the work of the Public Relations Officer would not conflict with the Council's regular consultations with external bodies such as English Heritage, the Church Buildings Council and the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group.

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

(D) Addition of Decision (I) Non-Method Blocks and Decision (J) Calls etc

Peter Niblett proposed on behalf of the Methods Committee:

1. That a new Decision (I) Non-Method Blocks be added, containing the following:

"A. Definitions and Requirements

1. A *non-method block* is a block of changes that does not constitute a plain lead of a method.

B. Nomenclature

1. (a) The title of a non-method block shall consist of Name, "Block" and Stage.

(b) A non-method block may not be given a name if the title excluding the Stage would be the same as a method or another non-method block.

2. The band that first includes a new non-method block in a peal complying with Parts A to D of the Decision on Peal Ringing, shall name the non-method block and publish it in *The Ringing World*, subject to B.1 above, and to the power of the Council to change the name or leave it unnamed if it considers it necessary."

2. That Decision (E) be renamed to become the Decision on Methods rather than Methods and Calls and that the following changes be made:

a) Delete (E)A.2 and (E)A.3;

b) Move the contents of (E)A.3 to become (J)A.4;

c) Re-label (E)A.1(a) up to and including (E)A.1(g) to become (E)A.1 to (E)A.7, and re-label (E)A.1(e) i) up to and including (E)A.1(e) iv) to become (E)A.5(a) to (E)A.5(d);

d) Amend (E)D.2(g) to say "A method may not be given a name if the title excluding the Stage would be the same as a method in a different type or class, or a non-method block."

3. That a new Decision (J) Calls be added.

This shall contain the contents of the former (E)A.3 as its (J)A.4, and shall also contain the following:

"A. Definitions and Requirements

1. A *call* is a modification made to the changes that would otherwise occur while ringing a method or non-method block. It is not part of the definition of the method or non-method block.

2. A call in a method may be effected in one of the following ways:

(a) by altering the places made between two or more consecutive rows without altering the length of a lead;

(b) by omitting consecutive changes, altering the length of a lead.

3. A call in a non-method block is effected by altering the places made between the last two rows without altering the length of the block."

4. That Decision (D) Peal Ringing be amended as follows:

a) Add the words "or non-method block" to Decision (D)A.9 so that it becomes "No error in calling shall be corrected later than during the change at which the call or change of method or non-method block would properly take effect."

b) Delete the references to calls from Decision (D)A.11 so that it becomes "The

methods used in all peals shall conform to the Definitions and Requirements given in Part A of the Decisions on Methods”

c) Add a new Decision (D)A.13: “The non-method blocks used in all peals shall conform to the Definitions and Requirements given in Part A of the Decision on Non-method Blocks.”

d) Add a new Decision (D)A.14: “The calls used in all peals shall conform to the Definitions and Requirements given in Part A of the Decision on Calls.”

e) Append the following sentence to the first paragraph of (D)D: “Records using non-method blocks shall be kept separately.”

Peter recalled that the Committee had been asked last year to review the non-compliant peal rung in Cambridge on 22 November 2012. Since then a further 2 similar peals, popularly known as “particle peals”, had been rung. Peter explained why some of the blocks rung in these peals were non-compliant and that the Committee’s objective had been to change the Decisions so that future such peals would be compliant. They had reviewed a number of options to achieve this and had chosen to proceed with the option of removing the link between peals and methods. The motion, if approved, would allow innovation and flexibility in future while maintaining that a method should be true in the plain course. The motion maintained the existing definition of a method, provided a mechanism for naming and describing blocks and restructured some of the Decisions; it did not remove other restrictions on peals, for example it would not permit jump or repeat changes. Peter responded to criticism of the motion published in *The Ringing World* by stating the Committee’s view that methods should be true in the plain course. He noted that the motion would allow blocks in which extended places in the same position were made, but it was not the rôle of the Council to prevent this should ringers wish to ring them. Peter considered that criticism of the complexity of the Decisions should be regarded as a separate issue. Robin Woolley seconded the motion.

The following comments and questions were raised in discussion: that methods false in the plain course should be permitted as part of a peal as long as the peal itself was true; that the Decisions were too complex and required reform; that the requirement for a method to be true was fundamental to change ringing; that bands could ring what they wished without the performance being legitimised as compliant; that innovation should be supported and encouraged; would methods containing extended consecutive places now be permitted as long as they were described as blocks; that the Committee should consult more widely with leading peal ringers and composers; would every row in a block be required to be true; would certain Doubles methods containing extended consecutive places, such as Suffolk Place, now be legitimate again; and that fundamental change was required. During the discussion John Couperthwaite gave notice that he would introduce a proposal for a review of the Decisions during item 23 (Any Other Business).

Peter replied to some of the questions by stating that extended consecutive places would be permitted in a block and that every row in a block would not be required to be true. The discussion had showed a polarisation of opinion between those who favoured the status quo and those calling for a fundamental review. The Committee considered that it was desirable that particle peals should become compliant and approving the motion would not preclude wider debate on reform.

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

(E) Amendment of Decision (E) A.4 (previously (E) A.1(d))

On behalf of the Methods Committee, Peter Niblett proposed:

That the sentence “There shall be more working bells than hunt bells.” be deleted from Decision (E)A.4 so that it becomes:

“Bells that are in the same position at each lead-head in a course are known as *hunt bells*. Bells that are not in the same position at each lead-head in a course are known as *working bells*.”

The motion was seconded by Stephen Jones. Frank Blagrove proposed an amendment such that the first sentence would begin “Bells that return to the same position ...”. Jeremy Cheesman seconded. Tony Smith stated that passing the amendment would mean that certain rung Minimus methods would no longer conform with the Decisions. Peter Niblett confirmed this. The amendment was put to the vote and lost. The motion was carried by majority.

16. Change Ringing for the Future

The President invited Chris Mew and Elva Ainsworth to report. Elva reported on the regional seminars held to date, which had showcased local initiatives such as those in Worcester and Birmingham, enabled local leaders to have a voice, promoted dialogue across district or society boundaries, informed local ringers of the Council services already available to them, and also promoted the work of the Ringing Foundation and the Association of Ringing Teachers. The results showed that ringers wanted more local and national promotion of ringing, improved training opportunities, better communications, work to develop leadership skills and more support for towers. The Council needed to examine how it was organised to support these objectives, especially in attracting and retaining new ringers. Chris Mew informed members that he proposed to establish a forward project to work during his forthcoming presidency to assist societies and towers and improve Council services, especially on communications. Topics would include examples of best practice in attracting recruits, effective public relations both by the Council and locally, better training programmes using appropriate technology and promotion of successful youth work. The Council needed to support the work of local towers and change as necessary to provide the services required. Chris reported that the Administrative Committee would hold an additional meeting in July to study how the Council worked and how it could improve, particularly in providing services to ringers

directly. Chris invited members to pass their comments and suggestions to Elva or himself. Stephen Jones added that those involved with the Birmingham Saturday school would be pleased to explain its work. Matthew Sorell, ANZAB, commented on the twinning arrangements with Worcester and Birmingham established by Adelaide and Wellington.

17. Committee Reports

(The reports were published in The Ringing World Supplement of 25th April 2014. The relevant page numbers are shown against each report.)

The President reminded members of the layout of the ballot paper and stated that papers would not necessarily be collected after each vote. The Council expected elections to committees and she asked those making nominations to be ready to come to the lectern to explain the talents and abilities of the nominee clearly and succinctly. The President encouraged debate and discussion on committees’ past and future work.

(a) Administrative (pp441)

Adoption of the report was proposed by the Hon Secretary, who thanked Robert Lewis and *The Ringing World* staff for their assistance in once again producing an excellent Supplement. The Hon Secretary thanked those societies which had responded to the consultation document on the affiliation fee and invited further feedback. After additional analysis of the Council’s finances and consultation with societies it was hoped to bring a motion on changing to a fairer basis for charging affiliation fees to the 2015 meeting. She drew attention to the forthcoming meeting with English Heritage and the Church Buildings Council and noted the savings in administrative costs made by continuing to circulate printed sets of meeting papers in advance only to those members without email. Christopher O’Mahony seconded. The report was then adopted.

Phillip Barnes was no longer a member of Council. Peter Wilkinson had become an ex-officio member of the Committee. Anthony Lovell-Wood and Tony Smith retired. Five candidates were proposed and seconded to fill the 4 vacancies on the Committee. After a ballot the following were declared elected: Mike Chester, Kate Flavell, David Kirkcaldy and Tony Smith. The unsuccessful candidate was Anthony Lovell-Wood.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.28 p.m. and resumed, after the Annual Meeting of The Ringing World Limited, at 2.53 p.m.

(b) Library (pp442-443)

Proposing adoption of the report, Stella Bianco drew attention to the request for old annual reports to fill gaps in the Library’s holdings. She noted sales of items made that day and encouraged support for the Friends of the Library. Alan Glover seconded and adoption of the report was then agreed.

Paul Johnson and Ian Self retired. An increase in the size of the Committee was agreed and the following 3 members were proposed, seconded and elected to fill the 3 vacancies on the Committee: Paul Johnson, Sue Marsden and Ian Self.

Appointment of the Steward of the Library 2014-2017: Alan Glover had been proposed by Jenny Lawrence and seconded by Ian Self. As there was no other nomination the President declared him elected.

(c) Methods (pp443-444)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Peter Niblett, seconded by Robin Woolley, and agreed.

Henry Coggill, Richard Edwards and Philip Saddleton were no longer members of Council. The following 2 members were proposed, seconded and elected to fill the 3 vacancies on the Committee: Leigh Simpson and Tony Smith. One vacancy was unfilled.

(d) Peal Records (pp444-447)

Proposing adoption of the report, Richard Allton apologised for the omission of Willoughby on the Wolds from the list of towers with 10 peals. He added that late peals would be included in the 2014 analysis and that no non-compliant peals had been recorded in 2013. Derek Sibson seconded. Barry Peachey queried the peal of Portishead Delight Major rung on 7 August, which had not been rung for the Barrow & District Society as listed. Barry also noted that the Society was not included in the analysis published on p.446 although it was now affiliated to the Council. Richard apologised for these errors and advised that Portishead Delight Major had been rung for the Bath & Wells Diocesan Association. Adoption of the report was then agreed.

Alan Baldock, Adam Crocker and Philip Larter retired. The following 4 members were proposed, seconded and elected to fill the 4 vacancies on the Committee: Alan Baldock, Alison Brittliff, Adam Crocker and Chris Turner.

(e) Public Relations (pp447-451)

John Harrison, proposing adoption of the report, corrected the second sentence of the Bells on Sunday section to begin "Nelson Mandela's death brought ...". He urged members to publicise the forthcoming Roadshow, at which the revised publicity leaflet would be available. John emphasised that the Committee welcomed suggestions for its work from representatives and societies. Matthew Sorell seconded. John responded to questions on Roadshow tickets and the recent branding exercise by saying that tickets would be available shortly and that the Committee intended to carry forward ideas from the branding exercise carried out with the typography department of the University of Reading. Adoption of the report was then agreed. George Dawson subsequently asked ANZAB for more information on the unique Danks bells at Burnley, Victoria. Matthew Sorell replied that the existing ring of bells would be split and used as single bells elsewhere.

Nick Jones and Emma St John Smith were no longer members of Council. James Forster and Helen Udall retired. There were 4 vacancies on the Committee: the following members were proposed, seconded and elected: Giles Blundell, Kate Flavell and Rosalind Martin. David Grimwood declined nomination. One vacancy was unfilled.

(f) Publications (pp451-452)

John Couperthwaite proposed adoption of the report and updated members on the

Committee's current policy on electronic publications [RW 9th May 2014, p502]. Payment via PayPal was now in operation and John thanked all those who had worked to make this happen. Beryl Norris seconded. Matthew Sorell welcomed the Committee's proposals for electronic publications and the use of PayPal to facilitate payments. Adoption of the report was agreed.

Michael Hansford and Jan Wyatt retired. Three candidates were proposed and seconded to fill the 2 vacancies on the Committee. After a ballot the following were declared elected: Peter Mackie and Jan Wyatt. The unsuccessful candidate was Michael Hansford.

(g) Redundant Bells (p452)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Bob Cooles and seconded by Julian Newman. Robert Perry thanked the Committee for their assistance with the transfer of the bells from the Victoria tower, Chatham to Gorran. Helen Webb added that the building in Chatham was subject to a planning notice for continued use as a church; however, this church would not be Church of England. Adoption of the report was agreed.

Julian Newman and Helen Webb retired. Three candidates were proposed and seconded to fill the 2 vacancies on the Committee. After a ballot the following were declared elected: Julian Newman and Helen Webb. The unsuccessful candidate was Julian Hemper.

(h) Ringing Centres (pp452-453)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Norman Mattingley, who corrected the name of a Committee member listed at the end of the report to Richard Newman. He noted the publication of the latest edition of *Training Times* and thanked Roger Booth, who was not standing for re-election, for all his work for the Committee for more than 20 years. Adoption of the report was seconded by Roger Booth and agreed.

Philip Bailey, Roger Booth and Norman Mattingley retired. The following 4 members were proposed, seconded and elected to fill the 4 vacancies on the Committee: Philip Bailey, Paul Marshall, Norman Mattingley and Matthew Sorell.

(i) Ringing Trends (p453)

In proposing adoption of the report, Elva Ainsworth referred to the presentations made by the Committee at the regional seminars. A key point was the reduction in the number of those ringing their first peal. The Committee continued to need more data and would be conducting a survey at the Roadshow and surveying other pastimes to analyse their organisation and recruitment and retention strategies. Sue Morton seconded. Adoption of the report was agreed.

Veronica Downing (co-opted), Stephen Elwell-Sutton, Guy Morton and Sue Morton retired. There were 3 vacancies. The following members were proposed, seconded and elected: Mark Ainsworth, David Grimwood and Deborah Thorley.

(j) Towers and Belfries (pp453-454)

Adoption of the report was proposed by James Clarke and seconded by Tim Collins.

George Dawson corrected the caption to the photo on p.454 to insert a comma after "employee" in line 2. Chris Rogers asked for information on outstanding tower movement studies. James replied that one report, for St Giles, Cripplegate, was outstanding and that the Committee continued to make efforts to produce a helpful report. John Harrison deplored the fact that the pioneering work on tower movement was at risk of being lost.

Michael Banks and Peter Bennett were no longer members of Council. Tim Collins and David Kirkcaldy retired. Tim Collins, Alison Hodge, David Kirkcaldy and Colin Ward were proposed, seconded and elected to fill the 4 vacancies on the Committee.

(k) Tower Stewardship (p454)

Christopher O'Mahony proposed adoption of the report. He noted that Guidance Note 3 on Child Protection had been updated earlier in the year. Christopher thanked Steve Coleman for assisting towers with queries on tax issues. He added that there had been some 16 complaints about noise during the year, mostly relating to clock bells. Peter Kemp seconded. Anne Anthony urged the Committee in future to use the term "safeguarding" as it included not only children but others who might be at risk. Adoption of the report was agreed.

David Burgess was no longer a member of Council. James Smith retired. The following members were proposed, seconded and elected to fill the 2 vacancies on the Committee: John Hall and James Smith.

(l) Bell Restoration (pp455-456)

Peter Wilkinson, proposing adoption of the report, updated members on the Committee's work in providing information and advice to towers and societies. Three grants had recently been awarded from the Fred Dukes Fund. Peter highlighted John Barnes' work in inviting contacts from unringable towers within 75 miles of Newbury to the September Roadshow. Jay Bunyan seconded. Roger Booth commended the Committee's pro-active stance and asked if it would repeat the triennial survey of bell restoration funds. Roger pointed out that the number of unringable towers was decreasing and large amounts of money in these funds were not available for other purposes such as training ringers. Peter Wilkinson replied that the Committee would consider the survey after the Roadshow. Jay Bunyan added that the use of bell restoration funds was a matter for individual guilds. Adoption of the report was then agreed.

Frank Beech and Robin Shipp were no longer members of Council. Pat Albon and Peter Kirby retired. There were 3 vacancies on the Committee. The following 2 members were proposed, seconded and elected: Pat Albon and Peter Kirby. One vacancy was unfilled.

(m) Biographies (pp456-457)

Proposing adoption of the report, John Harrison corrected the date of death of Dennis Jones to 30 January 2010. John noted that additional records were being added to those already online and added that Bill Butler would continue as a consultant to the Committee. Pat Halls seconded and the report was adopted.

Henry Coggill and Wendy Graham were no longer members of Council. Bill Butler and David Willis retired. There were 4 vacancies. The following 3 members were proposed, seconded and elected: David Jones, Deborah Thorley and David Willis. One vacancy was unfilled.

(n) Compositions (p457)

Paul Flavell proposed adoption of the report. He stated that the number of peal compositions on the website was now over 22,000; the number of quarter peal compositions was over 1,400. Richard Allton, seconding, asked for a show of hands on options for publishing the collection of handbell compositions collated by the late Roger Bailey. There was a clear preference for online options over a traditional printed publication. The report was adopted.

Mike Hopkins Till was no longer a Council member. Philip Larter retired. Three candidates were proposed and seconded to fill the 2 vacancies on the Committee. After a ballot the following were declared elected: Stephen Beckingham and George Salter. The unsuccessful candidate was Fergus Stracey.

(o) Education (pp457-458)

Duncan Walker proposed adoption of the report and reported that Simon Linford's *Judging Striking Competitions* had sold out on the Publications Committee stall that day. The booklet was being used not only by judges but also by bands entering competitions. The Committee offered listening skills courses and a learning to conduct scheme, and was developing work on leadership skills in ringing. Geoff Horritt seconded and the report was agreed.

Peter Dale was no longer a member of Council. James Blackburn, Deborah Thorley and Duncan Walker retired. Five candidates were proposed and seconded to fill the 4 vacancies on the Committee.

After a ballot the following were declared elected: James Blackburn, Tim Hine, Lucy Hopkins-Till and Duncan Walker. The unsuccessful candidate was Stephen Elwell-Sutton.

(p) Information and Communications Technology (p458)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Mike Chester and seconded by Peter Trotman. Peter Kirby asked for a progress report on changing to a new content management system and whether this would include private areas for Council committees. Mike replied that less progress had been made than hoped for because of the volume of work on keeping the current website up to date. Adoption of the report was then agreed.

Mike Chester and Peter Trotman retired. Four members were proposed and seconded to fill the 2 vacancies on the Committee. On the proposal of John Harrison, members approved an increase in the size of the Committee to 8 as it was clearly under-resourced. The following were therefore declared elected: Fred Bone, Peter Harrison, Leigh Simpson and Peter Trotman.

The President thanked all committee members for their work for the Council, especially those who had not stood for re-election. She thanked all those who had stood

for election and encouraged committee chairmen to use the services of unsuccessful candidates during the year ahead.

18.

(a) Report of the Stewards of the Carter Ringing Machine Collection

(RW 25th April 2014, p458)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Bill Purvis and seconded by James Blackburn. The report was agreed.

(b) Appointment of Stewards for 2014-2017

Bill Purvis was proposed by George Dawson and seconded by Andrew Mills. James Blackburn was proposed by George Dawson and seconded by Andrew Mills. There being no other nominations, the President declared them elected.

19.

(a) Report of the Steward of the Rolls of Honour

(RW 25th April 2014, p458)

In proposing the report for adoption, Alan Regin added that the Rolls had now been taken to the National Archives for digitisation. He urged ringers to commemorate the centenary of the Great War and those ringers who had given their lives in the most appropriate way locally. The Hon Secretary, Mary Bone, seconded and thanked Alan for his talk given at the recent Essex Ringing Course. Adoption of the report was then agreed. Brian Meads welcomed the digitisation project and asked for an update on possible alternatives to displaying the Rolls at St Paul's Cathedral. Alan responded that he was actively investigating alternative locations where the displayed Rolls could be viewed by more ringers.

(b) Appointment of Steward for 2014-2017

Alan Regin was proposed by Ian Oram and seconded by Margaret Oram. There being no other nominations, the President declared him elected.

20.

(a) Report of the Stewards of the Dove Database

(RW 25th April 2014, pp458-459)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Tim Jackson and seconded by John Baldwin. Mike Chester thanked the stewards for the amount of work done each day to maintain this resource for the Exercise. Adoption of the report was agreed.

(b) Appointment of Stewards for 2014-2017

John Baldwin was proposed by Philip Green and seconded by Tim Jackson. Tim Jackson was proposed by John Couperthwaite and seconded by Philip Green. There being no

other nominations, the President declared them elected.

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

(RW 25th April 2014, p459)

Report and Accounts

In proposing adoption of the report and accounts, Bob Cooles drew attention to the further loan made to the Keltek Trust in 2013. Helen Webb seconded. Adoption of the report and accounts was agreed.

The President thanked all the stewards and the trustees of the Rescue Fund for their work for the Council.

22. Future meetings

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

- 2015 – Beverley & District Society
- 2016 – Winchester & Portsmouth D.G.
- 2017 – Scottish Association.

James Blackburn outlined plans for the visit of the Council to Hull in 2015.

The President reminded Council members that meetings were hosted by societies in turn and asked those societies which had not hosted a meeting for over 30 years to consider doing so in the near future.

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.

23. Other Business

(a) David Kelly thanked those members and ringers who had contributed to buy new ropes for Kilifi following Rod Lebon's report on his visit published in *The Ringing World*. The surplus money would be used to fund training visits to the United Kingdom by some of the Kilifi ringers; additional donations towards this could be accepted by the Council Treasurer, who would reclaim Gift Aid to add to the sum.

(b) John Couperthwaite recalled the earlier discussion on Motion D and the strong groundswell of opinion, both inside and outside the Council, that it was time for a fundamental review of the relevant Decisions. He thought that it would be wrong to be prescriptive about exactly what should be done at this early stage and formally proposed that:

The Methods Committee should begin work on consultation about, and on developing the principles and fundamental requirements of, a possible new or revised set of Decisions concerning Peal Ringing, Methods and Calls and, in the first instance, should report on progress to the Administrative Committee at its next regular meeting. That the Administrative Committee should then decide on the next steps to be taken and that a report on progress be made to the next Council meeting, either in the next Administrative Committee report to Council or in the next Methods Committee report to Council, as deemed appropriate.

Fred Bone seconded the proposal. Tony Smith stated that the proposal would cause a lot of work and result in very little change; the complexities of the Decisions were there for a purpose. John Harrison commented that the proposal did not go far enough and that a review should not be delegated to the Methods Committee. The proposal was carried by majority.

(c) James Champion encouraged ringers visiting South Africa to support the local towers.

(d) Alan Frost reminded members that attendance at the DAC Bell Advisers conference in St Albans on 8 July was open to society advisers. Online bookings could be made via the ChurchCare website.

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

(f) The Hon Secretary reminded members to return badges or badge holders and welcomed donations of spare badge holders.

Votes of Thanks

The President thanked all members for their support during this meeting and throughout the year.

The President moved a comprehensive vote of thanks to all those involved in the Council's visit to Kent: to the organising committee of the Kent County Association: David Manger, Peter Dale, Margaret Funnell, Clare Larter, Phil Larter, Catherine Lewis, Frank Lewis, Michael Little, Amanda Lee-Riley, Pam Manger, Tim Munt and Peter Sims; 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 Chairman of the Association, Michael Little, for his welcome; to the Bishop of Dover, the Right Reverend Trevor Willmott, for his welcome and for his speech at the Sunday evening Reception and Dinner; to all those involved in the organisation of the Sunday evening Reception and Dinner; to the Revd David Trustram for taking the Songs of Praise service on Sunday afternoon at Headcorn; to the Revd David Grimwood 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 Vice-President thanked the retiring President for all her work during her term of office.

The President declared the meeting closed at 5.35 p.m. and invested the new President, Chris Mew, with the badge of office.

Summary of Attendance

	Societies	Members	
		Present	Absent
Fully represented	48	142	–
Partly represented	16	38	14
Not represented	3	–	3
	67	180	17
Life Members		5	
Ex-officio Members		7	1
Additional Members		9	1
		201	19



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Central Council of Church Bell Ringers



Annual Report for 2014

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 2014 were as follows:

	<i>until 26 May</i>
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

	<i>from 26 May</i>
President	Mr C Mew
Vice-President	Dr C O'Mahony
Hon Secretary	Mrs M Bone
Hon Assistant Secretary	Mrs C Franklin
Hon Treasurer	Mr A Taylor

3. The Council's bankers are Lloyds Bank plc, 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 26 May 2014 the Council's membership comprised 6 Life Members, 9 Additional Members, 8 Ex-officio Members and 197 Representative Members representing 67 affiliated societies. Since then four Additional Members have retired and six Additional Members who were elected or re-elected at that meeting took office; one Additional Member and one Representative Member have died; six Representative Members have resigned and their vacancies have been filled and a further four Representative Members have resigned; three people stopped being and two others became Ex-officio Members. The Rules were amended to change the procedure for making a temporary appointment to fill a vacancy in the Independent Examiners, to amend the Terms of Reference of one committee and to allow for the election of a Public Relations Officer. Subject to any further changes, at the start of the 2015 Council meeting there will be 6 Life Members, 10 Additional Members, 7 Ex-officio Members and 192 Representative Members. There are 10 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 2014 are given in the committee reports, which appear elsewhere on the Council's agenda and are being published in the 24th April 2015 issue of *The Ringing World*.

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

- (i) the promotion of public worship by the ringing of church bells;
- (ii) the preservation of the tradition and heritage of change ringing;
- (iii) the encouragement and promotion of high standards of ringing;
- (iv) the provision of financial and specialist knowledge in the support of belfry repairs and maintenance;
- (v) the preparation and publication of educational and training materials.

8. The Accounts for 2014 show total funds at the year-end of £442,800 of which £273,054 is in restricted funds. The income for the year totalled £119,432 compared with £35,951 in 2013. The 2014 figures include further donations for the Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand, bells restoration and the Kilifi project, income from the Roadshow and a bequest to the Bell Restoration Fund. 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 2015, are available and are likely to be adequate to fulfil the objects 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 2015

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2014

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

No amounts have been transferred between funds.

6. Tangible assets and intangible assets

The major tangible assets of the Council are the Investments in National Savings Income Bonds and the Library Collection. The Library Collection is valued at a replacement cost of £95,000. The revaluation was undertaken by Roger Barnes of Church Green Books as at 31 December 2014. The policy is to revalue the collection every five years. It is being depreciated for accounting purposes at 2% on the reducing balance per annum. An asset register is maintained for other tangible assets. The policy is to treat assets of an individual cost up to £1,000 as fully depreciated in the year of purchase.

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

7. Interest receivable

The interest was received from:

	2014	2013
	£	£
National Savings	2,322	2,697
Investment Bonds		
Central Board of Finance of the Church of England Deposit	175	169
Lloyds Bank term deposits	751	1,612
Other banks	1	1
Total	3,249	4,479

8. Donations and grants received

8.1 Christchurch, New Zealand

Donations received in respect of Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand, bells restoration following the damage caused by the earthquake to the City of Christchurch are included in the Bell Restoration Fund as a restricted item and, together with the related gift aid, amount to £4,501. The total amount of the donations received to date is £14,925. A grant payment of £10,000 was made in 2013.

8.2 Kilifi, Kenya

Donations have been received in respect of Kilifi, Kenya, for ropes and a training project. These are included in the Bell Restoration Fund as a restricted item and, together with the related gift aid, amounts to £2,269. The total amount of the donations received to date is £2,269.

9. Ringing Roadshow at Newbury Racecourse – September 2014

Income	£
Ticket sales	19,144
Stand sales and table hire	4,523
Advertising	688
Sponsorship	930
Donations	102
Total	25,387

Expenditure

Venue hire	14,220
Equipment	1,194
First Aid	444
Wrist bands	246
Printing	712
PayPal fees	505
Committee expenses	1,021
Website, travel and setup	674
Total	19,016

Net surplus

6,371

10. Committee expenses (excluding Ringing Roadshow)

These were as follows:

	2014	2013
	£	£
Administrative	983	363
Bell Restoration	195	186
Biographies	285	402
Education	439	730
Information and Communications	316	345
Library	681	660
Publications	310	243
Public Relations	731	868
Redundant Bells	189	–
Ringing Centres	35	274
Ringing Trends	84	28
Towers and Belfries	616	690
Carter Ringing Machine Steward	87	–
Dove Steward	–	210
Total	4,951	4,999

11. Grants paid

During the year, the Fred Dukes International Bell Fund awarded two grants totalling £3,000. Three grants were paid.

Year	Unpaid brought forward	Awarded in 2014	Paid in 2014	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£
2010	2,000	–	–	2,000
2011	200	–	–	200
2013	1,300	–	(1,300)	–
2014	–	3,000	(3,000)	–
Total	3,500	3,000	(4,300)	2,200

The Bell Restoration Fund did not award any grants in 2014.

Year	Unpaid brought forward	Paid in 2014	With-drawn in 2014	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£
2010	1,300	–	(1,300)	–
Total	1,300	–	(1,300)	–

12. Charitable commitments

There were unfulfilled charitable commitments at 31st December 2014 in respect of two grants totalling £2,200 awarded but not yet paid by the Fred Dukes International Bell Fund. There is also a charitable commitment to Christchurch Cathedral New Zealand bells restoration in respect of the balance of donations received but not yet paid amounting to £4,501 and Kilifi for ropes and a training project of £2,269.

13. Publications fund

Storage and distribution costs of £2,400 were paid to a Council member.

14. Payments to trustees

There were no payments to Trustees.

15. Emoluments of employees

The Council had no employees during the year.

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
- Noise, the Law, and the Environmental Health Officer

These leaflets can be found on the Central Council web site at:

www.cccbr.org.uk/towerstewardship

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

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SECOND-HAND BELLS WANTED

We have a large number of enquiries for single bells for augmentations, for complete rings of bells and small bells for chiming

Please contact:

The Secretary, Keltek Trust, The Kloof, Lower Kingsdown Road, Kingsdown, Corsham, Wiltshire SN13 8BG

email: bells@keltek.org web site: <http://www.keltek.org>

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Child Protection & Bell Ringing

New legislation requires registration for certain face-to-face training and transport of young persons. Seek advice from your Parish, Diocese, local ringing society or visit the Central Council website www.cccbr.org.uk/towerstewardship

- Always have two adults present when children are being taught
- Invite parents of young trainees to come and watch a training session before allowing their child to start to learn. Require a parent to attend the first training session and ensure that the parent fully understands what is involved in learning to ring
- Make sure a parent has agreed to any transport arrangements for young people travelling to and from ringing activities
- Ask parents to sign a 'permission to learn to ring' form
- Keep an attendance register
- Be aware of the insurance position for children
- Do not allow young people into a potentially hazardous situation without appropriate adult supervision
- For tower outings get parents to sign a detailed permission form. Organisers should be aware of Health & Safety and other issues: for example, it is inadvisable for a child to travel alone in a car with an adult

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS

Registered Charity Number 270036

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	Note	General Fund £	Education Courses £	Bell Restoration Fund £	F Dukes Internat'l Bell Fund £	Publications Fund £	Library Fund £	Total Funds 2014 £	Total Funds 2013 £
Income and Expenditure									
Incoming Resources									
Affiliation fees		6,060	-	-	-	-	-	6,060	5,025
Ringing Roadshow	9	25,387	-	-	-	-	-	25,387	-
Subscriptions from Friends of Library		-	-	-	-	-	2,222	2,222	1,744
Interest receivable	7	1,607	-	300	1,252	44	46	3,249	4,479
Sales of publications, books and CDs		-	-	-	-	14,798	5,141	19,939	22,208
Sales of jigsaw puzzles and prints		-	-	2,726	-	-	-	2,726	(131)
Sales of training video/dvd		35	-	-	-	-	-	35	87
Stock written back		-	-	-	-	1,442	-	1,442	535
Donations to Christchurch Cathedral, NZ	8	-	-	3,853	-	-	-	3,853	250
Donations to Kilifi, Kenya	8	-	-	2,070	-	-	-	2,070	-
Gift Aid		2	-	851	-	-	271	1,124	264
Grant from PRS Foundation		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Library outreach day		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	380
Lloyds - compensation		200	-	-	-	-	-	200	-
Other donations		28	-	51,021	-	-	76	51,125	1,089
		33,319	-	60,821	1,252	16,284	7,756	119,432	35,951
Resources expended									
Council meeting		2,528	-	-	-	-	-	2,528	1,451
Committee expenses	10	3,960	-	-	-	310	681	4,951	4,999
Ringing Roadshow	9	18,754	-	-	-	-	262	19,016	-
The Future of Ringing - regional seminars		668	-	-	-	-	-	668	137
Regional Development Project		130	-	-	-	-	-	130	-
Council and other committee costs		-	-	-	-	369	-	369	71
Cost of publications sold		-	-	-	-	8,542	2,990	11,532	10,854
Cost of jigsaws		-	-	1,892	-	-	-	1,892	-
Library maintenance		-	-	-	-	-	871	871	914
Grants for bell restoration	11	-	-	-	4,300	-	-	4,300	13,400
Advertising		-	-	-	-	2,493	428	2,921	3,038
Storage and distribution	13	-	-	-	-	2,400	-	2,400	2,400
Stationery, postage and telephone		386	-	-	-	96	950	1,432	932
Insurance		2,203	-	-	-	511	-	2,714	2,679
Stock write off provision		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,098
Stock written off and disposed of		-	-	-	-	990	-	990	157
Roll of Honour		92	-	-	-	-	-	92	68
Library outreach day expenses		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	485
Depreciation - Library Collection		-	-	-	-	-	1,882	1,882	1,940
Depreciation - shelving		-	-	-	-	-	106	106	106
Website		17	-	-	-	-	-	17	-
Paypal charges		-	-	-	-	56	-	56	-
Sundry expenses		38	-	-	-	-	-	38	15
		28,776	-	1,892	4,300	15,767	8,170	58,905	46,744
Net incoming resources before transfers		4,543	-	58,929	(3,048)	517	(414)	60,527	(10,793)
Revaluation of Library Collection		-	-	-	-	-	1,780	1,780	-
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		4,543	-	58,929	(3,048)	517	1,366	62,307	(10,793)
Balances at 31 December 2013		137,427	2,169	7,610	83,022	25,090	125,175	380,493	391,286
Balances at 31 December 2014		141,970	2,169	66,539	79,974	25,607	126,541	442,800	380,493



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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014

	General Fund	Education Courses	Bell Restoration Fund	F Dukes Internat'l Bell Fund	Publications Fund	Library Fund	Total Funds 2014	Total Funds 2013
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets								
Tangible assets								
Investments at cost	107,200	-	65,500	79,300	-	-	252,000	165,000
Library Collection	-	-	-	-	-	95,000	95,000	95,102
Library shelving	-	-	-	-	-	954	954	1,060
Total fixed assets	107,200	-	65,500	79,300	-	95,954	347,954	261,162
Current assets								
Stock	-	-	-	-	5,592	3,180	8,772	12,842
Debtors and prepayments	2,749	-	898	73	221	424	4,365	3,769
Term deposits with bank	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,000
Cash on short term deposit and at bank	33,957	2,169	141	601	19,993	27,173	84,034	53,668
Total current assets	36,706	2,169	1,039	674	25,806	30,777	97,171	120,279
Current liabilities								
Creditors - amounts due within one year	(1,936)	-	-	-	(199)	(190)	(2,325)	(948)
Net current assets	34,770	2,169	1,039	674	25,607	30,587	94,846	119,331
Total assets less current liabilities	141,970	2,169	66,539	79,974	25,607	126,541	442,800	380,493
Funds								
Unrestricted	141,923	-	-	-	-	-	141,923	137,288
Unrestricted - designated	47	2,169	-	-	25,607	-	27,823	27,398
Restricted	-	-	66,539	79,974	-	126,541	273,054	215,807
Total funds	141,970	2,169	66,539	79,974	25,607	126,541	442,800	380,493



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Administrative Committee

Since the 2014 Council meeting the Committee has met three times in London, in July, October and March. The Methods Committee review of the relevant Decisions was discussed in both October and March. In March Committee chairmen advised which members would be retiring under the provisions of rule 15 (i) and the committee sizes needed for next year. The arrangements for the 2015 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: Regional seminars were held at Exeter in July and in Ryde in October. The seminars continued to provide an opportunity for a good exchange of ideas with local ringers and useful feedback, as well as showing the existing work of the Council, Ringing Foundation and Association of Ringing Teachers. An inter-committee group, which also involved members of the Association of Ringing Teachers and the Ringing Foundation, has worked with the President to develop plans for specific work on the recruitment, training and retention of ringers which will be presented to members at the Hull meeting.

July meeting: The additional July meeting of the Committee discussed many of the issues and concerns relating to the Council's own organisation which had been raised at previous regional seminars. The Committee decided to revise the regular programme of committee review and to engage its elected members with this (see Appendix). Specific proposals have been prepared on the date and format of the Council meeting; a motion appears on the agenda and a background paper has been circulated. The committee elections procedure is again under review with a view to bringing to the 2016 meeting a specific proposal on advance nominations, increased committee sizes and triennial elections, aimed at avoiding or reducing the need for time-consuming committee elections. The President circulated a note to members by email on 25 July which summarised the deliberations of this meeting; this also appeared in *The Ringing World*.

Other matters considered by the Committee included:

Council Finances: The General Fund for the current year (2014) and next year (2015) was reviewed at both meetings, considering income levels and planned expenditure. Although the 2014 Roadshow generated a surplus, the Council anticipates a deficit again in 2015. The Committee decided not to proceed at present with suggestions for changing the basis of the affiliation fee but to prepare detailed forward expenditure plans for several years to enable affiliated societies to plan themselves for regular staged increases in the fee.

Church Buildings Council (formerly Council for the Care of Churches) & English Heritage: A meeting was held on 17 June 2014, attended additionally by the chairman of the Committee for Redundant Bells and the chairman and secretary of the Towers & Belfries Committee. The main topic for discussion continued to be the problems of bells in closed or closing churches. CCCBR

reported on the Bell Restoration Committee's initiative to invite representatives from parishes with unringable bells to the Newbury Roadshow. CBC reported on faculty simplification and on their intention to consult the CCCBR when their bells sub-committee membership is renewed in 2016. A project to develop expertise in bellframe recording may be prepared. The next meeting will be held on 16 June 2015. The 2015 DAC bell advisers' conference will be held in Winchester.

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

Central Council 125th Anniversary: In 2016 the Council celebrates 125 years since its first meeting and this is to be marked by a "Heywood Weekend" based around Duffield, the home of its first President, Sir Arthur Heywood. The Council and Derby Diocesan Association are working together on a programme for a social and celebratory occasion over 23rd/24th April.

Ex officio:

CHRIS MEW (*President*)
CHRISTOPHER O'MAHONY
(*Vice-President*)
ANDREW TAYLOR (*Treasurer*)
MARY BONE (*Secretary*)
CAROL FRANKLIN (*Assistant Secretary*)
ELVA AINSWORTH (*Ringing Trends*)
RICHARD ALLTON (*Peal Records*)
STELLA BIANCO (*Library*)
TIMOTHY COLLINS (*Towers and Belfries*)
BOB COOLES (*Redundant Bells*)
JOHN COUPERTHWAITE (*Publications*)
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(*Tower Stewardship*)
KATE FLAVELL (*Public Relations*)
PAUL FLAVELL (*Compositions*)
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NORMAN MATTINGLEY (*Ringing Centres*)
BRIAN MEADS (*The Ringing Foundation*)
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NIGEL ORCHARD (*The Ringing World*)
PETER TROTMAN (*Information and Communications Technology*)
DUNCAN WALKER (*Education*)
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MICHAEL CHURCH
DAVID KIRKCALDY
ROBERT LEWIS
ANGELA NEWING
DEREK SIBSON
TONY SMITH
HELEN UDAL
ANDREW WILBY
JANE WILKINSON

Appendix:

Review of

Central Council Committee Work

At its October 2014 meeting the Administrative Committee considered proposals regarding the ongoing review of the work of the Council's respective specialist committees. Hitherto each

committee was invited on a rotating basis to present an update to the Administrative Committee at which questions could be raised and clarification sought. The number of committees involved meant that each would only present an update once every 7 or 8 years, especially as pressure of other business meant that this item was often held over from one meeting to the next. In order to give these committees a better opportunity to highlight their activities and for the Administrative Committee to monitor progress between Council meetings the following proposal was made. The proposal was formally endorsed at the subsequent Administrative Committee meeting in March 2015 and will be implemented with effect from the October meeting 2015. The formal committee reports to Council each May, currently contained in the Central Council Supplement to *The Ringing World*, are not affected by this arrangement.

The proposal is for the 12 elected members of the Administrative Committee to undertake the function of reviewing and examining the meeting notes, reports and plans of the committees on a more frequent cycle, reporting their findings to the Administrative Committee. Elected members would be divided into groups of 3 or 4 and allocated to look at similarly grouped committees.

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.

Methods Committee

At the 2014 Council Meeting, the Committee was asked to “begin work on consultation about, and on developing the principles and fundamental requirements of, a possible new or revised set of Decisions concerning Peal Ringing, Methods and Calls”.

The Committee published a consultation paper in March, seeking to gain the views of ringers on the reason for having the Decisions in the first place, and to understand better the reasons why people feel changes are needed. We acknowledge that it took a while to prepare this paper, and would like to apologise for that delay. The resulting timescale gave some people the impression that we were trying to rush the process, leading them to question the genuineness of the consultation. Again we are sorry if we gave that impression. In a letter to *The Ringing World* (p.279) we subsequently pointed out that the paper was only intended as an initial part of the process.

We received a number of responses to the paper and these are summarised in this report. We would like to thank those who sent them; they were Andrew Johnson, Chris Frye, Chris Turner, Daniel Brady, David Smith, Derek Williams, Don Morrison, Iain Anderson, Jonathan Frye, John Harrison, Luke Daniel, Martin Pearson, Philip Saddleton, Richard Johnson, Roddy Horton, Richard P J Carter, Sam Austin, Tony Cox, Tony Smith and Vernon Bedford.

Why have Decisions at all?

We started by asking about the reasons for having Decisions in the first place. It is important that we achieve a level of consensus on what the Decisions should be for, and indeed whether we need any “rules” at all, before getting into the details of what they should say or not say.

In order to structure this part of the discussion we started with a list of things that are done by the current Decisions, as a way of testing reaction to them.

1. Providing an objective standard definition for peals.
2. Providing a framework for describing, naming and classifying methods, and a way of allocating names to new methods.
3. Stating requirements on how peals are to be reported.
4. Providing additional rules for Record-Length peals.

We make no apology for using this as a starting point of the discussion. It does not imply that we see no need for any change.

The results are summarised in Figure 1:

The four rows in Figure 1 show the responses received (positive at left, negative at right). Before we read too much into the results, we should make a few points:

- i) The number of people replying to the survey (20) is very small in comparison to the total number of ringers.
- ii) Several of the replies that we received didn’t respond to these specific questions. Rather than trying to infer an opinion from their other comments we have shown them using white bars.

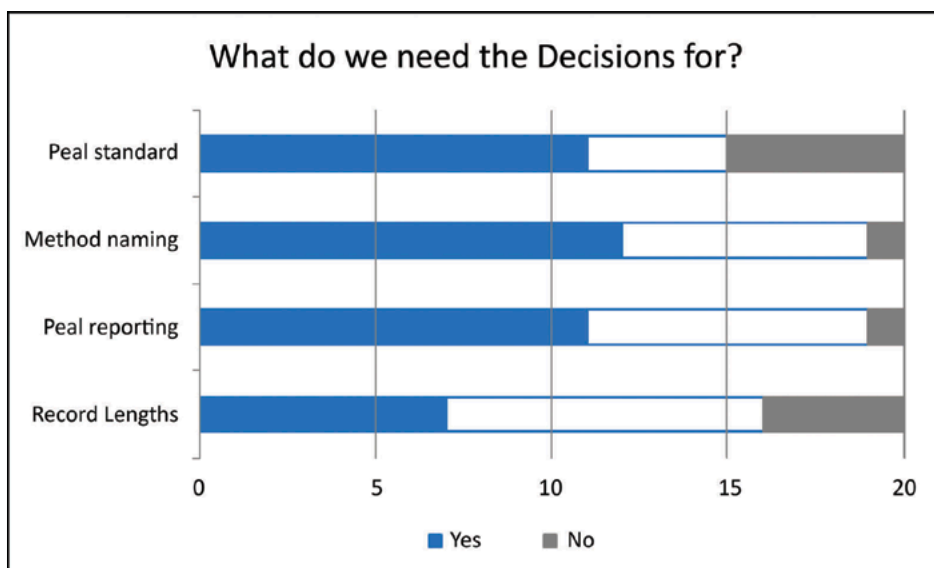


Figure 1: Purpose of the Decisions

iii) When people answered yes, they were responding to the principle – they weren’t necessarily saying that they agree with everything the current Decisions say.

Having said that, the responses show reasonable agreement on the second and third points but highlight a difference of opinions on the first and last questions. The views of those who answered No are summed up by the following comment from Don Morrison:

“There seems possibly to be some implicit belief that it is obvious that we need an objective standard definition for peals. It is not at all obvious to me. Why do we need such a thing? We get on just fine without one for quarters. People keep totals, personal, association and tower, of quarters just as they do for peals. And no problems seem to result. Indeed, the quarter peal community seems healthier and more vibrant than the peal community, as more ringers ring quarters than peals, more quarters are rung than peals, and more quarters are rung at towers by their local bands than are peals.

Far better, I think, would be to start from the position, which seems to work well for quarters, of simply accepting that what ringers

submit to *Bellboard* or the *RW* as a peal is a peal. If there are cases where this leads to difficulty (there are none I know of for quarters), then perhaps we need whatever minimal decisions will solve those problems, but we certainly do not need the enormous apparatus we have today.”

Scope of the Decisions

We also asked people to comment on what else (if anything) the Decisions be for. We asked some specific questions, but again these were to facilitate the discussion rather than proposals from the Methods Committee:

1. Would there be any value in introducing two categories of peal, one for peals that comply strictly with the Decisions, and one for peals that comply only with a smaller subset of the Decisions?
2. Should the Decisions state requirements for quarter peals?
3. Should they be extended to define what we mean by Change Ringing in general (rather than just talking about Peals and Methods)?
4. Should they define a standard set of terms to be used to express ringing concepts?

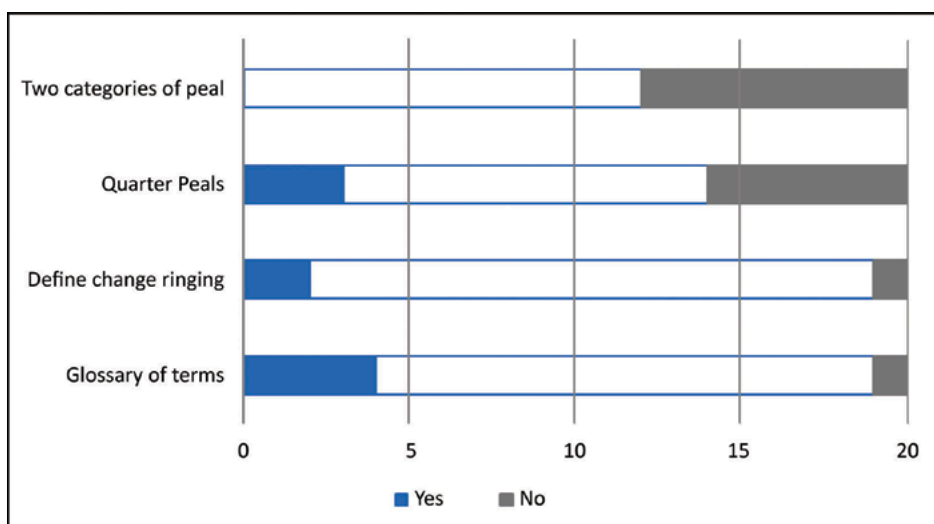


Figure 2 – Further scope questions

There was a fairly clear negative response to the first of these, and a split response to the question about quarter peals.

Four people said that we need a more precise definition of ringing terms (e.g. “rounds”, “change”, “row”), but most of them felt that this was something that should be provided separately from the Decisions themselves.

Comments on the details

Although it's important, as we have said, to reach agreement on the high-level scope and objectives questions first, we also asked for views on specific issues. We received a fair number of detailed comments, but in the interest of brevity we will mention here only the most commonly raised points.

Several of the comments concerned points of substance:

- Resolve the inconsistency in the requirements to name a new method. The rules for Doubles and Minor are different from those for Triples and above and several people suggested that this should be changed.
- Relax some of the requirements on Peal Ringing, for example allow peals of Minimus on handbells, allow peals on simulators, and allow length of Minimus to Triples that is 5000 changes or more.
- Allow methods to have more than 4 consecutive blows in the same place, but probably with some limit in order to prevent bells from lying still all the time.
- Allow methods to be false in the plain course – opinions differ on whether they should be a new class or not.
- Allow notification of Record Lengths and publication of new methods via *BellBoard* rather than requiring notice in *The Ringing World*.

It should be noted that not everyone agreed with these points, and in many cases there were one or two people stating the opposite.

We also received some general comments relating to the overall tone and presentation of the current Decisions, principally that they are too long and complex and that their tone suggests a desire to dictate to ringers what they are allowed to ring.

Next Steps

While we have gained some very useful insights from this process, we are conscious that we have only received 20 replies and would like to get the views of a wider range of ringers, in particular from affiliated societies. We are also aware that several people said that they would have preferred to have had more time, and the timescale and wording of the original paper might have deterred some people from replying. We therefore intend to continue the process, but focus it initially more closely on Aims and Objectives, in particular the question around the need for a standardised definition of a peal. We propose two initial next steps:

i) Re-issue the consultation paper with that change of focus, and factoring in what we have learned from the responses that we have received so far. We will set a cut-off for replies to be at the end of August.

ii) Arrange a special open meeting in the autumn to review the responses and see if we can resolve outstanding issues on the objectives.

Based on that we will be in a position to work on some concrete proposals, but will do this in consultation with a wide range of interested parties.

Other Committee Work

The consultation has taken up a fair amount of the Committee's time, however there are some other things that we do. As in previous years, we have worked with the Compositions Committee to make corrections and revisions to the methods and compositions pages of the *Ringing World Diary*. This year we have continued the practice of including a page of Date Touches, and hope that readers find that useful.

We have answered enquiries about method names, extensions, CC Decisions and other matters received on the Committee's email address: methods@cccbr.org.uk. We have also restarted work on revising the Collection of Doubles Methods, which will include a detailed section on composing spliced Doubles. Going forwards we would hope that the Committee could have more time to spend on things that further the theoretical side of ringing.

The Committee has been somewhat depleted in numbers this year, as several former members have left the Council. In particular Philip Saddleton and Richard Edwards have served on the Committee for a number of years, and we would like to thank them for their work.

Finally we would like to thank Tony Smith, once again, for the assistance he has given the Committee by maintaining the online method collections, which can be found at <http://methods.org.uk>. Even the most ardent critics of the Methods Committee acknowledge that they are a valuable ringing resource, and we are very grateful to Tony for the work he does each week in keeping them up to date.

PETER NIBLETT (*Chairman*)
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Peal Records Committee

The Peals Analysis

We have recorded a total of 4,738 peals rung in 2014 and published in *The Ringing World* up to February 27th, of which 3,969 were on tower bells and 769 on handbells. The revised total for 2013 is 5,024, an increase of 30. Full details are included in the methods table that accompanies this report. While the handbell total shows a decrease of 24 (3%) on the revised 2013 total, the tower bell total is 262 (6.1%) lower than that in 2013. The reduction in numbers is seen at almost every stage, both tower and hand bells. The Yorkshire Association is again the leading society with 339 peals, 82 more than the second place Oxford Diocesan Guild with 257, the gap having widened as the Yorkshire Association rang 15 more and the Oxford D.G. rang 16 fewer than in 2013. The leading society for handbell peals is shared this year between the Chester Guild and the Oxford D.G. both with 103. Fifteen affiliated societies rang 100 or more peals in 2014, two fewer than

the last two years. Please see separate tables for details of peals rung for each society and by method / method type.

There are a number of peals known to have been rung but not yet published in *The Ringing World* including some from the first half of the year. 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 five record peals rung in 2014, four on tower bells and one on handbells. The record peals are detailed in the Records table on p.426.

Peals not complying with the Decisions on Peal Ringing

All the peals rung in 2014 which were published in *The Ringing World* up to 27th February, 2015 complied with the Central Council Decisions on Peal Ringing. There was also a performance on a simulator that was sent up as a Miscellaneous performance, and as such is not included in the analysis.

Leading Towers

The following 70 towers had 10 or more peals in 2014: (75 in 2013):-

- 65 Thorverton
- 47 Ipswich (Old Stoke, The Wolery)
- 42 Leeds, W Yorks (St Anne)
- 39 Loughborough (Bell Foundry)
- 38 Portsmouth (St Agatha)
- 37 City of London (St. Magnus the Martyr, Lower Thames Street)
- 33 Dordrecht ('t Klockhuys)
- 32 Marston Bigot (Pig le Tower), Milton
- 31 Meldreth
- 29 Maidstone (All Saints)
- 28 Huntsham, Awbridge (Clock House Bells)
- 27 Keele (Woodlands)
- 24 Sheffield (Dore)
- 23 City of London (St James, Garlickhythe), Shoreditch
- 22 Inworth
- 21 East Huntspill (Little Orchard Tower), Sproxtton, York (St Lawrence)
- 20 Hughenden, Lundy Island, Shepton Beauchamp
- 19 Spitalfields, Thatcham
- 18 Blankney, Burnley
- 16 Bishopstoke, Wedmore (The Bakery Tower)
- 15 City of London (St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside), Church Lawford (The Plantagenet Ring), Maidstone (St Michael)
- 14 Burton Latimer, Longcot, Rotherham (All Saints), Worcester (All Saints)
- 13 Amersham, City of London (St Michael Cornhill), Chilcompton, Oxford (St Thomas), Stepney (St George in the East)
- 12 Barrow Gurney, Bishopsteignton (Bishops Ting Tong), Bushey, Cambridge (Trumpington), Farnworth and Kearsley, Hanbury (Worcs), City of London (St Dunstan in the West, Fleet Street), Middleton (Gtr Man), New York, Worcester (St. Martin in the Cornmarket)
- 11 Birmingham (Cathedral), Bristol (Cathedral), Cambridge (Great St Mary), East Ilsley, Exeter (Pinhoe), Knottingley, Marston Bigot (St Leonard)

10 Birmingham (St Paul), Bradford Peverell, Burghill, Daresbury, Exeter (St Mark), Exmouth (Withycombe Raleigh), Kirby Hill, Liverpool (Garston), Mistley, Northallerton, Tulloch (Ringing Centre)

There were also 23 handbell venues where 10 or more peals were rung in 2014.

First pealers and firsts as conductor

There remains a steady decline in the number of first pealers, down to 132 in 2014, the lowest number for a very long time. 25 years ago over 500 first pealers were recorded; a reduction from 500 to 132 is a serious decline. Hopefully *FirstPeal2015* will stimulate a rise in first pealers in 2015 and the early signs are that this is indeed happening. The *FirstPeal2015* initiative is a modest one – 300 first pealers – so let's really go for it. (It should be noted that another 7 ringers probably rang their first peal in 2014, bringing the total up to 139, but these peals have yet to appear in *The Ringing World* and so cannot be counted in this formal Analysis.) 29 ringers conducted a peal for the first time in 2014, and this is the average number for the last five years.

Corrections to the 2013 Analysis

There are a number of alterations to the 2013 Analysis owing to late publication which are detailed below. Corrections relate to tower bells except where specified.

Ancient Society of College Youths Major +1	
ANZAB	Maximus +1
Bath & Wells	Minor +2
Bedfordshire	Major +1, Caters +1
Cambridge University	Minor +1 (handbells)
Devonshire	Major +1
Dorset	Minor +1
Kent	Minor +1, Maximus +1
Lancashire	Major +4
Middlesex & London	Major +3 (handbells)
Norwich	Minor +1
Oxford Diocese	Minor +1
Salisbury	Minor +1
Southwell & Nottingham	Minor +1
Winchester & Portsmouth	Major +1
Yorkshire	Minor +3 (1 on handbells)
Non-Association	Royal +1
Non-Affiliated	Major +1, Royal +1, Maximus +1

The amended methods analysis for 2013 is shown in the 2014 methods table, which forms part of this report. Revised totals for 2013 are: tower bells 4,231, handbells 793, total 5,024.

The Felstead Project

During the year the work of maintaining the accuracy of the Felstead database has continued. Some 64 previously unrecorded peals have been added and corrections made to a number of others due to John Eisel continuing to search a number of eighteenth and nineteenth century newspapers as they become available on line. There are almost certainly others still to be discovered by searching through local newspapers not available on line. Details supplied by other ringers – a good number by Alison Brittliff from the Lancashire Association records - have resulted in a further ten peals being added and corrections being made to some 43 others. Alan Glover has once again

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.

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	
1 7500 Merton College A Major	Oxford S
2 5023 Brecon Castle S Major	Dorset CA
2 5040 Aonach Beag S Royal	Devonshire G
4 5100 Ffestiniog A Major	Lincoln DG
8 5152 Jarrow D Major	Lincoln DG
9 5092 Tresco Abbey S Major	Dorset CA
12 5088 Ljubljana D Major	Bath & Wells DA
13 5056 Brushfield S Major	Non-A
19 5040 Venetia A Major	S&N DG
20 5088 Enfield D Major	St James G
20 5088 Priors Marston TB Major	Coventry DG
22 5152 Stanedge Pole S Major	Yorks A
22 5100 Whitley Bay A Major	Lincoln DG
23 5040 Aonach Mor D Royal	Devonshire G
23 5056 North Dean D Major	Amersham G
26 5180 Nethermost Pike A Royal	Lancs A
26 5000 Baldrick Diff LB Cinques	Abraham Lincoln S
28 5016 Dorrington A Royal	S&N DG
30 5040 Ben Lawers D Royal	Devonshire G

February	
4 5040 Jasper's Green S Minor	Suffolk G
13 5152 Fernham D Major	G&B DA
15 5056 Z Battery Battersea Park S Major	Surrey A
15 5088 Magna Carta D Major	Guildford DG
17 5060 Ratby S Major	Leicester DG
17 5088 Quasimodo TB Major	Coventry DG
23 5056 Esk Pike A Major	Lancs A
26 5056 Zyzzyva S Major	Suffolk G
28 5040 Pattiswick S Minor	W&P DG

March	
1 5152 FILO S Major	Sussex CA
1 5040 St David's Cathedral S Royal	Non-A
4 5088 Shrove D Major	Yorks A
5 5040 Monk Bretton TB Minor	Ely DA
9 5280 Callington A Major	Bath & Wells DA
11 5058 Elmley Lovett S Major	V Evesham S
12 5152 Stairway to Heaven D Major	Yorks A
14 5152 Hawthorn Leslie S Major	D&N
14 5152 Kopke D Major	CEA
17 5088 Pailton TB Major	Coventry DG
19 5024 Nobby D Major	Scottish A
19 5040 Glaswegian A Major	Lancs A
20 5024 Castor D Major	Lincoln DG
21 5088 Gav D Major	Devonshire G
25 5088 Highweek Dragon D Major	Devonshire G
25 5120 Hanami D Major	Kent CA
26 5120 Poolsbrook D Major	S&N DG
27 5025 Chirk Castle S Major	Dorset CA
27 5040 Derry Cairngorm D Royal	Devonshire G
29 5088 Mells D Major	Bath & Wells DA
29 5040 Market Deeping A Major	Lincoln DG

April	
1 5040 Xylocopa S Minor	Suffolk G
1 5040 Great Orchard S Royal	Bath & Wells DA
3 5040 Mullach Clach a Bhlairst D Royal	Devonshire G

4 5024 Glaston S Major	Ely DA
9 5040 Unacceptable S Minor	Suffolk G
10 5040 Victoria Street S Minor	Scottish A
10 5088 Kintbury D Major	G&B DA
11 5152 Cassiopia S Major	G&B DA
13 5088 Athens D Major	Bath & Wells DA
21 5040 Munnings Little D Major	Suffolk G
22 5090 Koppa A Royal	S&N DG
23 5152 Higger Tor S Major	Yorks A
24 5040 Beinn a'Bhuird S Royal	Devonshire G
24 5152 Naphill S Major	Amersham G
28 5152 Ashurst S Major	St James G
28 5040 Tomandjen A Major	Coventry DG
30 5040 Capercaillie Bob Triples	Suffolk G

May	
2 5024 Harringworth S Major	Ely DA
3 5056 Dyke Fen S Major	Lincoln DG
6 5152 Dark Skies S Major	Yorks A
6 5012 Justicetown A Major	S&N DG
7 5040 Amy A Major	Lincoln DG
8 5027 Farleigh Castle S Major	Dorset CA
8 5124 Tribute A Major	Lancs A
10 5152 No Alibis S Major	Irish A
11 5088 Sofia D Major	Bath & Wells DA
14 5096 Ribblesdale A Major	Lincoln DG
15 5096 Beagle 2 A Major	G&B DA
19 5056 Aston S Major	St James G
21 5152 Cos Hill D Major	W&P DG
21 5152 Sin Hill S Major	Yorks A
22 5040 Grand Western Canal A Major	Dorset CA
24 5124 Catchester A Major	Bath & Wells DA
27 5152 Chicksand S Major	St James G
27 5024 Ingham A Royal	S&N DG
28 5100 Old Somerby A Major	Lincoln DG
31 5024 Witney D Major	G&B DA

June	
4 5068 Sheffield A Major	Yorks A
5 5040 Beinn Bhrotain D Royal	Devonshire G
6 5184 Not A Block Major	Bath & Wells DA
11 5152 Menzies S Major	Amersham G
11 5152 Dunsby Fen D Major	Lincoln DG
14 5040 Percy's Tea Strainer TP Maximus	Friends of Percy
16 5012 Ashcombe A Major	Dorset CA
19 5088 Three Counties D Major	Hereford DG
19 5100 Troyte A Major	Bath & Wells DA
21 5100 Crowland A Major	Lincoln DG
24 5040 Votta S Royal	W&P DG
25 5152 Carl Wark D Major	Yorks A
26 5029 No. 5029 Nunney Castle S Major	Devonshire G
26 5024 Cryers Hill S Major	Amersham G
28 5068 Thackeray A Major	Yorks A
30 5104 Devil's Bit A Major	Devonshire G

July	
1 5096 Kirktown A Major	S&N DG
2 5152 Vulgate S Major	Suffolk G
4 5040 Silverstone S Royal	Peterboro DG
5 5040 Dordrecht B Triples	Yorks A
8 5040 Most LB Major	D&N
9 5100 Freasley A Major	Lincoln DG
10 5030 Shirburn Castle S Major	Dorset CA
11 5136 Capey Little S Major	D&N
20 5175 Rebel A Maximus	Rebel A
26 5040 Pertmeister's A Major	ASCY
27 5088 Sumorsæte Ealle D Major	SRCY
30 5120 Burbage Moor S Major	Yorks A

August	
4 5100 Remembrance A Major	Dorset CA
7 5040 Beinn Mheadhoin S Royal	Devonshire G
8 5040 Glaphthorn S Royal	Peterboro DG
9 5040 Shildon A Major	Lincoln DG
10 5120 Belgrade D Major	Bath & Wells DA
21 5100 St Symphorien S Major	Middx & London DG
21 5012 Otter A Major	Lancs A
23 5152 Shackleton S Major	Devonshire G
23 5160 Kilburn A Major	Lincoln DG
27 5184 Peano D Major	Yorks A
28 5031 Totnes Castle S Major	Dorset CA
28 5040 Carn Eighe D Royal	Devonshire G

September	
4 5040 No. 5040 Stokesay Castle S Major	Dorset CA
4 5040 Stob Choire Chlaurigh S Royal	Devonshire G
6 5024 Scrumpy and Western S Major	Yorks A
7 5088 Littlewood Lane D Major	U London S
7 5100 Cheshire Regiment A Major	Chester DG
8 5152 Four Score S Major	Lancs A
9 5012 Kettering A Major	Peterboro DG

2014 Society	TOWER												Tower Total	HAND												Hand Total	Society Total	
	4	5	5/6	6	7	7/8	8	9	9/10	10	11	11/12	12	14	16		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	11/12	12	14		
Ancient Society of College Youths	0	2	0	18	10	0	64	4	2	40	11	2	53	0	1	207	0	1	1	10	3	4	2	0	1	0	22	229
Australia & New Zealand Association	0	0	0	1	3	0	7	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	16
Barrow & District Society	1	6	0	10	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	20
Bath & Wells Diocesan Association	0	7	0	22	4	0	91	0	0	22	4	0	11	0	0	161	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	167
Bedfordshire Association	0	0	0	0	3	0	16	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
Beverley & District Society	0	1	0	8	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Birmingham University Society	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Bristol University Society	0	1	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	9	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Cambridge University Guild	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8
Carlisle Diocesan Guild	0	0	0	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8
Central Council	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Chester Diocesan Guild	0	1	0	11	6	0	28	1	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	52	0	23	0	35	0	39	0	0	6	0	103	155
Coventry Diocesan Guild	0	1	0	9	0	0	39	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	54	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	59
Derby Diocesan Association	0	1	0	8	0	0	13	1	0	5	0	0	6	0	0	34	0	0	9	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	16	50
Devonshire Guild	0	3	1	57	1	1	81	5	1	47	2	1	17	0	0	217	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	224
Dorset County Association	0	1	0	45	2	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
Durham & Newcastle Diocesan Association	0	0	0	8	0	0	20	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
Durham University Society	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Ely Diocesan Association	1	1	0	19	3	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	0	2	0	20	0	5	0	0	1	0	28	105
Essex Association	0	3	0	47	1	0	26	2	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84
Essex Association	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Four Shires Guild	0	1	0	11	5	0	71	3	0	8	1	0	2	0	0	109	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	112
Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Guild of St Agatha	0	0	0	2	5	0	18	2	0	9	3	0	5	0	0	44	0	1	0	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	8	52
Guildford Diocesan Guild	0	18	0	13	4	0	32	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	72	1	2	0	9	0	2	0	0	0	0	14	86
Hereford Diocesan Guild	0	1	0	27	2	0	15	2	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	52	0	18	0	28	0	7	0	0	0	0	53	105
Hertford County Association	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Irish Association	0	1	0	23	5	0	49	9	0	19	1	0	1	0	0	108	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	108
Kent County Association	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Ladies' Guild	0	2	0	18	4	0	76	0	0	26	0	0	2	0	0	128	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	128
Lancashire Association	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Leeds University Society	0	0	0	3	0	0	11	1	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	10	0	24	0	18	0	0	2	0	54	75
Liverpool Diocesan Guild	0	2	0	17	1	0	14	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	38	0	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	45
Lichfield & Walsall Archdeacons Society	0	1	0	43	1	0	52	4	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	106	0	6	0	24	1	17	1	0	0	0	49	155
Lincoln Diocesan Guild	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Liverpool Universities Society	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	10	1	1	0	0	2	0	14	51
Llandaff & Monmouth Diocesan Association	0	8	0	7	1	0	11	1	0	4	3	0	2	0	0	12	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	17
London University Society	0	0	0	3	4	0	9	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	31	0	1	0	41	0	4	0	0	0	0	46	77
Middlesex County Association & London Diocesan Guild	0	0	2	3	4	1	17	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
National Guild of Police Ringers	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
North American Guild	0	0	0	0	2	0	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
North Staffordshire Association	0	0	0	17	1	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
North Wales Association	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Norwich Diocesan Association	0	2	0	24	5	0	13	5	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	52	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	60
Oxford Diocesan Guild	0	3	0	27	8	0	77	4	0	29	2	0	4	0	0	154	0	0	0	26	0	39	0	1	35	2	103	257
Oxford Society	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	5	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	18	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	19
Oxford University Society	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Peterborough Diocesan Guild	0	2	0	2	1	0	19	2	0	8	1	0	1	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
Salisbury Diocesan Guild	0	2	0	8	3	0	11	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
Scottish Association	0	0	0	7	1	0	14	1	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	29	0	1	0	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	8	37
Shropshire Association	0	3	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths	0	2	1	13	1	0	104	5	0	26	2	0	21	0	0	175	0	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	183
Southwell & Nottingham Diocesan Guild	0	3	0	26	1	0	33	2	0	11	0	3	0	0	0	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79
St Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham	0	0	0	2	7	0	4	4	0	5	2	1	6	0	0	31	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	46
Suffolk Guild	1	8	0	48	3	0	53	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	119	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	119
Surrey Association	0	8	0	7	0	0	7	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	10	0	1	0	0	0	0	11	53
Sussex County Association	0	0	0	2	3	0	29	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Swansea & Brecon Diocesan Guild	0	3	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
Truro Diocesan Guild	0	5	0	1	19	0	5	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	131	0	2	0	41	1	3	0	0	1	0	48	179
Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild	0	3	0	20	7	0	65	6	2	12	1	0	13	1	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Worcestershire & Districts Association	0	0	0	4	2	0	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	297	0	0	0	28	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	297
Yorkshire Association	0	2	0	59	18	1	144	4	0	42	4	0	22	1	0	492	0	12	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	42	339
<i>Sub-total – Affiliated</i>	4	117	4	721	153	3	1496	94	5	363	60	4	189	2	1	3217	1	102</										

Analysis of Peals by method and change on year

	TOWER			HAND			TOTAL		
	2014	2013	+/-	2014	2013	+/-	2014	2013	+/-
Sixteen	2	0	+2	0	0	0	2	0	+2
Septuples	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	1	-1
Fourteen	2	4	-2	2	0	+2	4	4	0
Sextuples	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ON 13+ BELLS	4	5	-1	2	0	+2	6	5	1
Maximus									
Spliced S	29	18	+11	11	10	+1	40	28	+12
Other Spliced	49	36	+13	2	5	-3	51	41	+10
Bristol Surprise	65	75	-10	7	10	-3	72	85	-13
Cambridge Surprise	47	61	-14	5	4	+1	52	65	-13
Yorkshire Surprise	42	49	-7	7	6	+1	49	55	-6
Other Single Surprise	34	36	-2	12	13	-1	46	49	-3
Other	5	21	-16	7	10	-3	12	31	-19
TOTAL MAXIMUS	271	296	-25	51	58	-7	322	354	-32
CINQUES/MAXIMUS	11	8	+3	1	1		12	9	+3
Cinques									
Stedman	70	92	-22	4	7	-3	74	99	-25
Other	15	11	+4	0	0		15	11	+4
TOTAL CINQUES	85	103	-18	4	7	-3	89	110	-21
Royal									
Spliced Surprise	40	37	+3	32	15	+17	72	52	+20
Other Spliced	4	3	+1	3	2	+1	7	5	+2
Kent Treble Bob Royal	0	1	-1	17	28	-11	17	29	-12
Cambridge Surprise	78	78	0	21	38	-17	99	116	-17
Yorkshire Surprise	64	64	0	9	18	-9	73	82	-9
Bristol Surprise	57	91	-34	13	8	+5	70	99	-29
London No.3 Surprise	38	36	+2	7	6	+1	45	42	+3
Lincolnshire Surprise	19	16	+3	19	9	+10	38	25	+13
Swindon Surprise	21	15	+6	1	1		22	16	+6
Other Surprise	97	90	+7	23	21	+2	120	111	+9
Single Delight	24	29	-5	2	3	-1	26	32	-6
Other	20	27	-7	10	14	-4	30	41	-11
TOTAL ROYAL	462	487	-25	157	163	-6	619	650	-31
CATERS/ROYAL	6	1	+5	0	1	+1	6	2	+4
Caters									
Grandsire	59	60	-1	1	2	-1	60	61	-1
Stedman	56	70	-14	5	5		61	75	-14
Other	3	6	-3	0	0		3	6	-3
TOTAL CATERS	118	136	-18	6	7	-1	124	143	-19
Major									
Spliced Surprise	337	330	+7	66	72	-6	403	402	+1
Other Spliced	9	12	-3	14	17	-3	23	29	-6
Bristol Surprise	213	231	-18	34	24	+10	247	255	-8
Yorkshire Surprise	167	174	-7	46	49	-3	213	223	-10
Cambridge Surprise	105	125	-20	25	20	+5	130	145	-15

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	TOWER			HAND			TOTAL		
	2014	2013	+/-	2014	2013	+/-	2014	2013	+/-
London Surprise	56	56	0	15	23	-8	71	79	-8
Lincolnshire Surprise	43	39	+4	16	16		59	55	+4
Superlative Surprise	40	51	-11	10	14	-4	50	65	-15
Lessness Surprise	45	47	-2	5	4	+1	50	51	-1
Rutland Surprise	34	40	-6	11	8	+3	45	48	-3
Glasgow Surprise	24	22	+2	0	1	-1	24	23	+1
Uxbridge Surprise	17	15	+2	3	2	+1	20	17	+3
Pudsey Surprise	15	16	-1	4	7	-3	19	23	-4
Cornwall Surprise	13	20	-7	0	2	-2	13	22	-9
Dereham Surprise	10	13	-3	0	0		10	13	-3
Other Surprise	448	453	-5	14	10	+4	462	463	-1
Single Delight	132	157	-25	9	4	+5	141	161	-20
Plain Bob	33	48	-15	66	53	+13	99	101	-2
Double Norwich Court Bob	34	36	-2	3	0		37	39	-2
Kent Treble Bob	2	6	-4	33	30	+3	35	36	-1
Other	82	67	+15	8	14	-6	90	81	+9
TOTAL MAJOR	1859	1958	-99	382	373	+9	2241	2331	-90
TRIPLES/MAJOR	3	0	+3	0	0	0	3	0	+3
Triples									
Stedman	91	82	+9	16	21	-5	107	103	+4
Grandsire	48	60	-12	0	2	-2	48	62	-14
Plain Bob	10	16	-6	0	0		10	16	-6
Other	15	13	+2	1	0	+1	16	13	+3
TOTAL TRIPLES	164	171	-7	17	23	-6	181	194	-13
Minor									
8+ Methods									
Spliced surprise	130	134	-4	16	20	-4	146	154	-8
Spliced other	25	15	+10	4	2	+2	29	17	+12
Surprise	61	56	+5	18	9	+9	79	65	+14
Other	11	21	-10	3	8	-5	14	29	-15
7 Methods									
Surprise	324	335	-11	35	34	+1	359	369	-10
Other	102	97	+5	7	10	-3	109	107	+2
2-6 Methods									
Surprise	29	21	+8	9	18	-9	38	39	-1
Other	65	69	-4	20	13	+7	85	82	+3
Plain Bob Minor	29	36	-7	11	21	-10	40	57	-17
Cambridge Surprise	50	68	-18	5	3	+2	55	71	-16
Other									
Surprise	22	31	-9	7	13	-6	29	44	-15
Other	6	7	-1	3	1	+2	9	8	+1
TOTAL MINOR	854	890	-36	138	152	-14	992	1042	-50
DOUBLES/MINOR	4	3	+1	0	0		4	3	+1
Doubles									
2+ Methods									
Grandsire	89	115	-26	10	8	+2	99	123	-24
Stedman	14	10	+4	1	0	+1	15	10	+5
Other	10	19	-9	0	0		10	19	-9
Other	11	10	+1	0	0		11	10	+1
TOTAL DOUBLES	124	154	-30	11	8	+3	135	162	-27
MINIMUS/DOUBLES	0	3	-3	0	0	0	0	3	-3
MINIMUS	4	16	-12	0	0	0	4	16	-12
Grand Total	3969	4231	-262	769	793	-24	4738	5024	-286

10 5152 Spinal Tap D Major	Yorks A	29 5040 Egret Bob Triples	Suffolk G	27 5040 Monadh Mor S Royal	Devonshire G
12 5040 Barrow Gurney A Major	Bath & Wells DA	29 5040 Jarrow A Major	Lincoln DG	28 5152 Yanley S Major	Bath & Wells DA
14 5004 Castle Rock A Royal	S&N DG			29 5184 Operation Market Garden S Major	CEA
15 5024 Botley S Major	St James G	November		29 5040 Grassmoor S Royal	ASCY
22 5040 Malham Cove D Royal	Lundy IS	7 5040 Ragsdale A Royal	Peterboro DG	December	
24 5056 Basingstoke D Major	Yorks A	8 5042 Evesham Abbey S Maximus	Dorset CA	3 5152 Oliver D Major	Yorks A
24 5040 Benwell A Major	Lincoln DG	9 5184 Kishinev D Major	Bath & Wells DA	4 5088 Quothquan S Major	Yorks A
30 5040 Jersey Farm S Royal	V Evesham S	9 5152 Louisiana TB Major	St James G	5 5040 Cotterstock S Royal	Peterboro DG
		11 5088 Colombia S Major	Yorks A	5 5152 City of Culture D Major	Irish A
October		11 5120 Texas S Major	Peterboro DG	6 5024 Friends Reunited S Major	F Reunited
3 5040 Thornhaugh S Royal	Peterboro DG	11 5012 Ozone A Major	Lancs A	8 5088 Very Easy TB Major	Coventry DG
8 5040 Edenham A Major	Lincoln DG	13 5068 Nightjar A Major	St James G	11 5056 Chew Stoke D Major	Bath & Wells DA
11 5184 Arksey S Major	Yorks A	13 5056 Arkansas S Major	St James G	13 5376 Long Lawford D Major	Coventry DG
11 5024 Ethelfleda's D Major	Coventry DG	15 5088 Alabama S Major	St James G	15 5600 Puckeridge S Major	St James G
12 5184 Podgorica D Major	Bath & Wells DA	16 5152 Cobb County S Major	Freehold S	17 5152 Jonathan D Major	Yorks A
13 5096 Southam Mop A Major	Coventry DG	17 5152 Quarry Hill S Major	Coventry DG	18 5042 Winchester Castle S Major	Dorset CA
17 5088 Old Chopper S Major	Dorset CA	17 5088 Ullenhall TB Major	St James G	18 5040 Heatherbell D Royal	Devonshire G
18 5184 Mop Fair S Major	G&B DA	18 5024 Georgia S Major	Yorks A	18 5040 Oxford Block Minimus	Suffolk G
18 5040 Brians' D Royal	Non-A	19 5152 Ton S Major	St James G	25 5040 Quissmass Day S Minor	Suffolk G
20 5152 Buntingford S Major	St James G	19 5152 North Carolina S Major	Dorset CA	25 5056 Ba Humbug! S Major	Bath & Wells DA
21 5024 Barton D Major	SRCY	20 5088 Virginstow S Major	Devonshire G	29 5088 Turgid S Major	Non-A
23 5041 Tiverton Castle S Major	Dorset CA	20 5040 Stob Binnein D Royal	Devonshire G	29 10080 Knapps Farm S Royal	Bath & Wells DA
23 5040 Ben More S Royal	Devonshire G	21 5040 Ben Avon S Royal	U London S	30 5040 Childswickham S Minor	W&P DG
23 5056 Quainton D Major	Amersham G	22 5088 Gimperial D Major	Devonshire G	30 5040 Minehead S Minor	W&P DG
24 5152 Wild Country S Major	Bath & Wells DA	26 5040 Wendy's D Royal	Lincoln DG	31 5100 Sempringham A Major	Lincoln DG
28 5000 Smythson D Royal	S&N DG	26 5040 Gibside A Major			

First peals in methods rung on Handbells

January		
8	5040 Quaternion D Major	Leicester DG
February		
3	5040 Allendale S Royal	Leicester DG
26	5040 Vespasian D Maximus	Leicester DG
March		
12	5040 Thames Valley S Royal	Oxford DG
31	5152 Japanese D Major	Derby DA
April		
9	5040 Iona S Royal	Leicester DG
May		
5	5040 Finlay D Major	Leicester DG
14	5040 Dorking S Royal	Oxford DG
28	5152 Underbarrow D Major	Leicester DG
June		
16	5040 Gordon Road D Major	Leicester DG
September		
8	5152 Xenia D Major	Leicester DG
24	5056 Deva S Major	Oxford DG
24	5152 Coromandel D Major	Leicester DG
29	5152 Remiremont D Major	Leicester DG
December		
1	5040 Jena S Maximus	Leicester DG
10	5088 Leatherhead S Maximus	Oxford DG
15	5040 Fryerning S Royal	Leicester DG

Record Peals on Towerbells

April		
19	20160 Pudsey S Major	W&P DG
October		
4	10080 Heptonstall D Major	Lancs A
November		
22	28512 Bristol S Major	W&P DG
December		
29	10080 Knappes Farm D Royal	Bath & Wells DA

Record Peals on Handbells

November		
30	10080 Plain Bob Triples	ASCY

Note:

There are three further methods that have been rung but not yet published in *The Ringing World*. Additionally it is noted that the peal rung of Cumbria Place Triples was first pealed as Aberdare St Elvan Place Triples in 2011.

Public Relations Committee

This year we were pleased to welcome Giles Blundell, Kate Flavell and Rosalind Martin as new members of the Committee, although we were disappointed that we were not able to find a twelfth committee member to help with our heavy workload. We express our grateful thanks to retiring members Helen Udall, James Forster, Nick Jones and Emma St John Smith. Jackie Roberts was a consultant to the Committee over much of the year in her rôle as Roadshow organiser. Kate Flavell was elected Chairman at the first meeting and expressed her great thanks and appreciation to her two predecessors as chairmen during the previous year, Barrie Dove and John Harrison, who had worked hard for the Committee, particularly in getting arrangements for the Roadshow up and running. Lynne Hughes was elected Secretary and thanks were recorded to Helen Udall for her time as secretary.



Central Council Officers: Andrew Taylor (Hon. Treasurer), Christopher O'Mahony (Vice-President), Mary Bone (Hon. Secretary), Chris Mew (President) and Carol Franklin (Hon. Asst. Secretary)

The Committee has met at Wellesbourne three times during the year and will meet again in Hull over the Council meeting weekend in May. We have handled our usual collection of ongoing and regular work as well as some specific time-limited projects.

At its meeting in 2014 the Council created the rôle of Public Relations Officer, recognising its need for someone in this rôle. We advertised widely and spoke to several possible candidates but so far have not managed to find the right person. We continue to search and are hopeful of success.

Specific Projects*Roadshow*

Jackie was an exceptional choice as Roadshow organiser and deserving of the great thanks and appreciation given to her by this Committee and the whole Council. Council members will be aware that the day was a great success, enjoyed by all who attended. The only criticism we received related to the catering, which was not within our control and which has always been tricky at Roadshows. All major areas of the Exercise and bell ringing trade were represented and Council committees



Sallies on one of the stands at the 2014 Roadshow

worked hard to demonstrate to all ringers the scope and breadth of help and support to ringing the Council gives. It is impossible to guess accurately how many people will come so the fact that the budget returned a surplus for the Council was a great relief to many.

We are keen to book the date for another Roadshow and look forward to working with the Council officers to agree when this might take place.

Magna Carta

We are making a big push for ringing to take place at 3pm on the Grand Ringing Day to mark Magna Carta 800 (Sunday, 14th June 2015). This links well with the Parliament-sponsored *LiberTeas*, an encouragement to the whole country to hold a tea party to celebrate, debate and reflect on our freedoms and rights. We hope this combination will provide a good basis for publicity for ringing and that ringers will take it up and engender much local publicity and possible recruitment.

FirstPeal2015

2015 is the 300th anniversary of what is believed to be the first recorded true peal (though there may have been earlier ones). We felt this was worthy of wide celebration by the whole ringing community – ringing around the date of the centenary and getting 300 ringers through their first peal (as opposed to around 160 normally). We are planning significant publicity as part of this project. We liaised closely with the Mancroft ringers to ensure that our publicity complemented theirs. We have a logo and are working on *FirstPeal* certificates with this logo that can be automatically printed from *BellBoard*, with the Council's congratulations.

Branding for ringing

There is strong feeling among ringers everywhere, that was confirmed by the



regional meetings on the future of ringing, that ringing needs better branding and brand recognition. We have been talking and working with people who might be able to help us on this, running into some difficulty because there is no budget for it. We are hopeful of a satisfactory outcome, recognising that it will take time to get it right.

More general projects

Completed and ongoing work:

- We have updated the leaflet for clergy *Bells in your Care* and are currently making it available online.
- We have compiled a list of Diocesan Communication Officers and will be circulating them the link to the *Bells in your Care* leaflet and engaging with them on a more regular basis in future.
- We have compiled a list of PR Officers for affiliated societies and are emailing them (and society secretaries) regularly to tell them of forthcoming PR opportunities and about the Council's work.
- We have updated the *Learn to ring* leaflet and continue to distribute quantities of these on request.
- We respond to *Learn to Ring* website enquiries and are working on developing better methods of following these up to ensure people are getting the best chance to learn.
- We are developing press release templates and posters for use by societies and others.
- We are updating the first peal and first quarter certificates and the porch notices to make them available for completing and downloading from the website.
- We have improved the online information for those starting university so that they stand the best chance of finding ringing friends as soon as they arrive.
- We are aware that people seeking information from some society websites experience difficulty obtaining the information that they need. We know that websites are run by volunteers, and that major revision can entail significant effort, but we are concerned that ringers' perception of ringing websites is not always positive. We would like to help website managers improve the service that they provide and we are working on what advice and support we could offer to help them do this.
- We have become far more active in social media, ensuring that as much news as possible about the Council, and our Committee's work, is spread in this way for the wider engagement especially of the younger ringing community. We have much more to do here.
- We have expanded our online advice pages on open days to include other events like Heritage Open Days. We have also added a new advice page on publicity through non-ringing bodies, to include subjects like Blue Plaques.
- We continue to liaise with the BBC over *Bells on Sunday* and are also in other

discussions with the BBC and Premier Christian Radio.

The future

The only major anniversaries to focus on during 2016 are the Queen's 90th birthday in April, which will doubtless be a cause for much ringing and some publicity, and the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death, just two days later. We propose to aim more at the annual events during 2016, in particular St George's Day and the Heritage Open Days, to encourage ringers to open their towers to explain ringing to the world at large and to attract recruits.

We will also be continuing with our work on branding. And we will continue with our general projects listed above.

KATE FLAVELL (*Chairman*)
JOHN HARRISON
(*Chairman to July*)
GILES BLUNDELL
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BEVERLY FABER
LYNNE HUGHES (*Secretary*)
ROSALIND MARTIN
(*to February 2015*)
MICHAEL ORME
MATTHEW SORELL

Publications Committee

One new publication, *CC Rules and Decisions (2013)*, was produced during the year.

Six titles were reprinted: *The Beginners Handbook*, *Ringing Circles*, *Listen to Ringing CD 1*, *Listen to Ringing CD 2*, *Teaching Tips* and *A Schedule of Regular Maintenance*.

The following eighteen titles are currently available for download free of charge: *Triples and Major for Beginners*, *Learning Methods*, *Method Splicing – Practical Hints*, *Understanding Place Notation*, *Conducting Stedman*, *Tower Captain's Handbook*, *One way to Teach Bell Handling*, *Teaching Beyond Bell Handling*, *Getting it Right – Guidance for Officers of Ringing Societies*, *CC Rules and Decisions (2013)*, *Giants of the Exercise Vol 2*, *A J Pitman Biography*, *Collection of Plain Minor Methods*, *Treble Dodging Minor Methods*, *Handbook of Composition*, *Collection of Grandsire Compositions*, *Collection of Ten Bell Compositions*, *Collection of Twelve Bell Compositions*. Others will follow.

The New Ringer's Book, *Ringing Circles* and *Teaching Tips* again continued to sell well, and annual sales of all three rose. Sales of *Dove's Guide 10th Edition* rose slightly to 250 and the remaining stock is now just under 300 copies.

Three Committee meetings were held during the year, and the usual large number of telephone and e-mail conversations took place. Bulk discounts were offered in March and advertisements were again placed in a number of association reports.

The income from sales rose to £14,800 from £12,150 in 2013, and income exceeded

expenditure by £500 after a £1,000 write off of several titles with negligible sales which are now available for free download. At year end the value of stock held was £5,600 and the total cash available was £20,000 after a transfer of £5,000 to the General Fund in respect of *Dove's Guide 10th Edition* sales. The fund remains at a level sufficient to finance expected future work. New titles would be particularly welcome as only two small books have been introduced in the last two years.

Excluding the £3,000 cash sales at the 2014 Roadshow, cash sales accounted for about 50% of receipts, BACS transfers about 33% and PayPal transactions (since May) about 17% at year end. However, the volume of PayPal sales steadily increased as more people became aware of the new facility. The introduction of our PayPal facility has proved to be trouble free and a great success. On current trends the percentage of total receipts from PayPal is expected to rise significantly in 2015.

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

JOHN COUPERTHWAIT (*Chairman*)
PHILIP GREEN
PETER MACKIE
BERYL NORRIS
BARBARA WHEELER
JAN WYATT

Committee for Redundant Bells

Achieving a happy result with regard to redundant bells seemingly requires ever increasing amounts of patience, both in respect of individual schemes and more so in respect of the administrative and statutory procedures concerning redundant churches and, consequently, redundant bells. The momentum previously achieved with the Church Buildings Council and the Church Commissioners has stalled principally because the staff with whom we had previously dealt, who had considerable sympathy with bell projects, have moved on and cuts in staffing have meant that it has been difficult to maintain progress in negotiations and discussions. However, we press on in the hope that there might be sudden achievement.

Our hope of achieving precedents whereby a ring of bells may be removed to another church from one facing redundancy – without having to wait until the church is closed and the redundancy scheme formalised – remain in being and negotiations continue in respect of two rings of bells jointly with the Keltek Trust which may achieve the revival of this precedent.

The Committee has had 37 cases under active consideration during the year. Some are of long standing – such as Hanley where the plans to enable the bells to be rung again as a ringing centre are still active and being pursued but dependent on funding and battling through lots of red tape. In other cases, the prospect of rings falling silent through the churches becoming redundant has faded as change of personnel mean that the drive towards redundancy abates and the church continues in use. In other cases a church has been declared redundant and fortunately a suitable alternate

Stocklist at December 31st 2014

<i>Title</i>	<i>Sales to 31 Dec 2014</i>	<i>Stock at 31 Dec 2014</i>
New Ringers Book	524	288
Beginners Handbook	113	250
Towards Better Striking	40	5
Raising and Lowering	83	17
Ringing Jargon Made Easy	30	12
Beginners Grandsire	109	95
Beginners Plain Bob	138	130
Doubles and Minor for Beginners	39	9
Triples and Major for Beginners	25	32
Ringing Circles	501	337
Ringing Basics for Beginners	38	127
The Learning Curve Vol 1	18	27
The Learning Curve Vol 2	17	161
The Learning Curve Vol 3	14	152
The Learning Curve Vol 4	15	181
Listen to Ringing CD 1/CD2	41/42	20/13
Beginners Guide to Change Ringing on Handbells	23	123
Change Ringing on Handbells	21	91
Learning Methods	0	2
Standard Eight Surprise Major	38	15
Method Splicing	7	14
Understanding Place Notation	21	0
Will You Call a Touch Please, Bob?	50	141
Service Touches	57	222
Conducting Stedman	28	56
A Tutors Handbook	13	146
Tower Captains Handbook	5	0
One Way to Teach Handling	9	32
Teaching Beyond Bell Handling	16	154
Teaching from Rounds to Bob Doubles	9	74
Kaleidoscope Ringing	73	91
Teaching Unravelling	22	95
Starting a New Band	8	50
Teaching Tips	652	502
Towers and Bells Handbook	12	115
Schedule of Regular Maintenance	81	258
D-I-Y Guidelines	5	141
Organising a Bell Restoration Project	98	31
Sound Management	7	66
Splicing Bellropes	57	70
Change Ringing History Vol 1/Vol3	7/7	143/158
Centenary History of the Central Council	1	72
Giants of the Exercise Vol1/Vol2	3/5	156/33
A J Pitman Biography	5	117
Dove's Guide 10	250	295
Belfry Offices	5	44
Organising an Outing	8	22
Belfry Warning Notices	1	35
Church Towers and Bells	5	27
CC Rules and Decisions 2013	0	26
Getting it Right	6	113
Judging Striking Competitions	69	19
Stedman Compositions	4	10
DVDs	10	17

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use has been found – usually with some sort of church dimension – and ringing can continue albeit on a limited basis.

There are still a couple of churches that are likely to go to residential use with the bells still at the church and the Committee is endeavouring to keep a close watch on these cases to try and ensure that the bells remain available to be rung.

Finally, there has been a success or two in enabling bells housed in a closed redundant church where the future of the church still remains uncertain to continue to be rung during the redundancy.

The Committee has been able, particularly through the good offices of Tim Jackson, to be able to keep track of developments at all the redundancy cases that have rings of bells and it is to be hoped that, in conjunction with the Keltek Trust, cases where bells are bricked up in redundant churches and are unable to be rung will be avoided.

The Committee had two further meetings during the year and met informally and by 'virtual' meetings.

ROBERT COOLES (*Chairman*)
TIM JACKSON
JULIAN NEWMAN
HELEN WEBB
DAVID WESTERMAN
ROBERT WOOD

Ringling Centres Committee

Last year our report indicated the proposals of the Committee to fulfil its new terms of reference. A small amount of progress has been made in this but much further work is needed.

Last year, we mentioned work undertaken by guilds and associations around the country which was largely unacknowledged other than within their own territorial areas. We are happy to advise when requested of the effectiveness and format of courses and training days at all levels even if run at a very low level and information about the frequency and level of all courses would be useful information for us to hold together with an assessment of their ultimate benefit. We continue to invite such enquiries and information.

Confirmation of Safeguarding and Health and Safety policies are now part of our formal requirements for recognition. We now seek details of insurance cover for both students and teachers. We have not developed any system for assessing each centre in a way acceptable to ourselves which is accurate, fair and avoids centres filing returns and creating unnecessary administration both for the centres and ourselves. Visits by Committee members for assessment purposes have been seen as very expensive and not necessarily giving a true indication of the merits of a centre where students and tutors alike can change from week to week. However, we feel that some ability to judge the effectiveness of a centre would be beneficial to the centre and possibly to intended students.

The annual returns were sent out at the beginning of 2014 and follow up contacts were made where forms were undelivered or returned being the result of changes in personnel not being forwarded to ourselves. Amendments

were made as necessary to our data base as a result with other amendments as notification has been received.

The News Sheets intended to be issued have not been produced as planned due to other commitments and a need for interesting items. We seek to put this right with new members after the 2015 Council meeting. We still see communication between centres as an important part of our work even though centres are, more than before, communicating directly with each other and frequently have other contact via ART. Two of our members are very involved with ART and ITTS. We do not have any formal relationship with either ART or ITTS but receive feedback and, within the limits of our terms of reference, are willing to help when requested.

The review of web-pages is an on-going matter. Not only do we wish to ensure that our own pages are up-to-date but also those of the various centres with their own pages do not contain old or inaccurate information. We are reliant on centres dealing with their own pages and as we do not always know when some of the details for a centre changes, we can only remind centres to look at their own position.

One new innovation from the Committee was the introduction of Facebook pages in the summer of 2014 which obtained a membership of nearly 100 in a matter of weeks. It continues to provide a means of support, help and communication between individuals concerned or interested in teaching.

We had a small presence at the Roadshow in Newbury which was useful in a number of enquiries concerning possible new centres being made with us and suggestions being made by us as to their implementation and also giving us the opportunity for us to meet with a number of individuals otherwise unknown to many of us, who presently run centres.

A Ringing Centre 'Toolbox' is intended to be developed to assist in the establishment and running of centres made up of individual sections dealing with different aspects which can be added to the box when completed. There has been little progress on it since that time but it is still on the agenda needing attention. In addition, we feel that it is important to develop the ability of young ringers to teach in centres and we need to encourage centres to encourage young ringers to come forward for this and for centres to use them for their courses with a view to them taking greater responsibility for future courses and the management of centres. However we do not hold details as to the tutors used in many of the centres and at present have no ability to monitor any changes in this.

We have not met in person as a Committee other than briefly before the Council Meeting in 2014 and have relied on Skype as a means of getting together. The Committee members are spread over a large area and travelling costs for a meeting somewhere midway would be large, even if arranged when our one overseas member was somewhere nearby. However it appears that not all Committee members have access to Skype and those that do are not always available for meetings. We plan to meet immediately before the 2015 Council meeting but would also need to

meet afterwards if possible to agree a means of meeting with any new members of the Committee.

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Ringing Trends Committee

- Research on pastimes with a similar profile to ringing was undertaken with the intention of answering two questions: "How are you successfully attracting new learners these days?" and "How are you successfully motivating participants as they are learning?" Findings and common themes were published in *The Ringing World*.
- An online survey was tested at the September 2014 Roadshow. This will be used to measure the current health of the Exercise and provide useful information for regions to be clear on the current priorities. After full piloting the survey toolkit will be launched at the May 2015 Council meeting. This aims to measure the current skills, standards and interests of ringers and the clergy.
- An online profiler of the factors motivating ringers was refined and launched at the Roadshow. This generated considerable interest and has shown us some interesting findings. This is due to be published in *The Ringing World*.
- Tablets were used to survey interests in our illustrious paper *The Ringing World* during the Roadshow which provided some interesting feedback on which parts were of most interest.

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 DAVID GRIMWOOD
 TIM PETT
 DEBORAH THORLEY
 ANDREW WILBY (*co-opted*)
Consultant:
 JENNIFER HOLDEN

Towers and Belfries Committee

Three meetings were held during 2014: two at Evesham and one at Leamington. Our thanks go to those members and organisations who/which have provided facilities for us. At the 2014 Central Council meeting Peter Bennett and Mike Banks were no longer members of Council. Tim Collins and David Kirkcaldy retired by rotation. Tim Collins, Alison Hodge, David Kirkcaldy and Colin Ward were proposed and elected to fill the vacancies. We place on record our thanks to Peter and Mike for their work whilst members of the Committee and for their continued support during the past twelve months.

James Clarke had previously indicated that he wished to stand down as Committee chairman. At our first Committee meeting following the Council AGM, Tim Collins was elected to serve as chairman assisted by Bernard Stone who agreed to act as Committee secretary.

During the year the Committee provided maintenance courses for the Hertfordshire Association and the Bedfordshire Association. Our thanks go to the local ringers who helped set these up, and to George, Adrian and Bernard, who gave instruction. We were also present at the Newbury Ringing Roadshow with a useful display of items that created a useful talking point. As a consequence of the display we were able to provide advice on various subjects raised during the day.

We gave advice or guidance to a number of towers during the year; some by correspondence and some following a site visit. Two of the enquiries were from Australia. The subjects covered included tower stability, internal and external sound control, electrical safety, correcting odd-struckness, augmentation and rehanging.

At the first of our meetings at Evesham we were joined by Chris Mew and at Leamington we were joined by David Beacham who had indicated that he wished to place his mechanical tower movement sensor (Wobblemeter) into the hands of the Committee for safe keeping. The Wobblemeter, complete with a fitted case, was duly presented and Chris Povey was appointed as the custodian. We were also pleased to welcome Andrew Preston to this meeting.



*David Beacham at Leamington
 with his 'Wobblemeter'*

Our new *Maintenance Handbook* is proving to be a major undertaking and is still work in progress. We are also working on additional information sheets for various subjects: bird exclusion, staircase handrails, ringing room lighting, power and heating, bell and clock

chamber lighting and power, and contract management. It became apparent that following changes to Health and Safety requirements a revision was required to some of the information displayed on the Committee website and this is now in hand. Our series of occasional maintenance hints entitled “When did you last do it?” have now been placed on our website and we are working to expand the content to cover additional items.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the passing of Adrian Semken. His work for the Central Council and in particular this Committee was of the highest order and he will be sadly missed.

At the 2015 Council meeting we have a total of four vacancies, following the death of Adrian Semken and with three of our members retiring by rotation. We are always keen to recruit suitably qualified new members who have personal experience of bellhanging and maintenance or with engineering or architectural qualifications and experience. With this in mind we draw Council members’ attention to the Committee’s wish to recruit members from the north of England. We have none from anywhere north of Nottingham.

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 JAMES CLARKE
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 ALAN FROST
 ALISON HODGE
 DAVID KIRKCALDY
 CHRIS POVEY
 DAVID ROSKELLY
 ADRIAN SEMKEN
 BERNARD STONE (*Secretary*)
 COLIN WARD

Consultant: GORDON BREEZE

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.

Safeguarding

With the help of Chris Mew (President, CCCBR), the Committee keeps abreast of developments in the area of safeguarding. Close liaison is maintained with the safeguarding authorities of the Church of England. The Church of England is in the process of publishing a two page summary document “Safeguarding in Towers”. This will be a joint document by the Church and the CCCBR. It is also noted that our Guidance Note 3 has been reviewed, and is up to date, and available on our website. This document includes a statement regarding the rehabilitation of ex-offenders.

The Committee, with major help from Chris Mew, continues to be on the front foot in this

area, seeking clarifications from central government and the House of Bishops, which are then articulated clearly to ringers through *The Ringing World*. Associations and towers have also been given assistance with queries about local safeguarding requirements and interpretation.

The Committee has offered advice in a number of areas, both to towers and associations. It has been noted that not all associations have appointed a Safeguarding Officer. This is an important function, and those associations which do not have such an officer are strongly encouraged to appoint one.

Insurance and Ringing

The Committee has responded to a variety of queries related to insurance and ringing over the past twelve months. These include questions about coverage of bellringers by churches’ insurance policies, as well as association public liability and personal accident cover. We can comment generally although we cannot give legal advice. In many cases, our ongoing dialogue with Ecclesiastical Insurance Group informs our advice, and enables us to feedback concerns, as that group is the insurer for the great majority of churches with bells, and a number of associations. Guidance Note 1 is currently being revised.

Tower Safety and Risk Assessment

While there have been no regulatory changes noted in the past 12 months, we have been reviewing our Guidance Note 4 to ensure it reflects the up-to-date state of regulations.

The Committee maintains regular contact with Ecclesiastical Insurance Group. This proactive 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. Some welcome news from Ecclesiastical is a significant reduction in metal thefts from churches.

Noise, the Law and the Environmental Health Officer

Last year the CCCBR Noise Complaints service acted on a number of occasions. It was noted that most of these requests for help involved church clocks, rather than change ringing bells. Alan Chantler continues to provide a rapid and effective response service for towers receiving complaints.

Data Protection

The Committee have now published Guidance Note 8 Data Protection and Bell Ringing. All associations should be aware of the requirements of data protection, as it applies to the personal data they hold. All ringing associations should familiarize themselves with the principles and rules summarized within this Guidance note.

Website

Peter Trotman assists 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.

Guidance Notes

A key aspect 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:

<http://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
- GN8 Data Protection and Bell Ringing

Conclusion

The Committee is well served by the wide range of skills, qualifications and experience brought by members. 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.

ERNIE DE LEGH-RUNCIMAN
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 JAMES SMITH

Bell Restoration Committee

Meetings

The Committee met three times in 2014: in London in February, briefly at Headcorn in May during the Council weekend, and in London in October.

Events



Newbury – Peter Wilkinson introduces the seminar

The highlight of 2014 was undoubtedly the Ringing Roadshow on 6th September. Good contacts were made and have been followed up. All the new jigsaw puzzles were sold, together with all the reprints. This was very encouraging



*Newbury – on the BRC stand (l-r):
Ian Oram, Peter Wilkinson, Pat Albon
and John Barnes*

as the profit goes to the CCCBR Bell Restoration Fund. John Barnes's seminar for representatives of PCCs with unringable bells or those planning restoration was very successful with over 25 attendees. Advice has been given on several of the projects represented. For full details please see John's report in *The Ringing World* of 5th December 2014 on pages 1232/3.

Whilst in Hereford in October, John Barnes arranged a meeting for local PCC representatives. With an attendance of 22 it was useful for all the parishes and Hereford Guild members represented.

Grants

No grants were made from the CCCBR BRF in 2014 due to the lack of funds, but £10,000 of the donations held for Christchurch, New Zealand, has been paid to Taylors. A legacy has now been received so grants will be made in 2015.

The Fred Dukes Fund made 2 grants in 2014: £2,600 to Camden, NSW, and £400 to Chicago (Riverside). One application has been received for 2015.

Advice to parishes

The Ffoenix software is very out of date and cannot be updated so other methods of searching for funds are being investigated. John Barnes has again been very active providing fund raising assistance and ideas to parishes.

Membership

John Barnes, Ken Davenport and Chris Rogers will stand down as the 2015 rotation and will be available for re-election. The Committee still has a vacancy and it is hoped that we can recruit someone with experience/skill in the areas of charities and Gift Aid.

Terms of Reference

The Committee's Terms of Reference have been discussed and members are satisfied that the current Terms do not need expanding to cover other areas.

Future work

Work planned includes a regional seminar on bell restoration, to be held in Somerset in September. A survey of association/guild bell restoration funds was suggested and has been discussed at length in Committee. It was felt that no useful purpose would be served by conducting such a survey at this stage as there is no evidence to suggest that available funds are not being used. The Committee would be

one of those involved in the proposal for the Top 100 Restorations, a project similar to the English Heritage "100 Treasures" initiative, targeting 100 projects to restore significant unringable peals of bells.

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PAT ALBON

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PETER KIRBY

IAN ORAM

CHRIS ROGERS

Criteria for allocating CCCBR 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 at Bearsted in May and at Radley in September. Wendy Graham, Henry Coggill and Bill Butler stood down in May and David Jones and Deborah Thorley were elected as new members. Bill Butler was subsequently appointed a consultant.

Work continued to put more biographic records on line. Thirty two were added during 2014 bringing the total on the website at the year end to 903. More will be added early in 2015. Stuart Piper of the ICT Committee supports us by managing all aspects related to the website. In due course, all records available to the Exercise on the web will also have an archival paper copy.

We conducted a survey of the additional information held in envelopes attached to the historic paper records.

The first twenty articles in Bill Butler's *Prolific Peal Ringers* series are now on the website. More will be added after they appear in *The Ringing World* (twenty three were published by the year end). We have begun creating records of early ringers based on the material in John Eisel's books *Giants of the Exercise*, which will extend the time span of the record collection much earlier than the formation of the Council. The first of these will be added in 2015.

Researching and creating records continues as a core task, in support of which we

maintain records of current and former Council members together with other salient information. Much of the information we hold is on paper but we increasingly receive digital information.

We had a (what we believe is our first) stand at the Roadshow, which generated significant interest and made useful contacts. We believe that for our work to support the Council's objectives we need to go beyond merely creating and recording information and to be more proactive in bringing it to the notice of ringers and historians. Accordingly we reviewed our terms of reference and will propose a change to broaden them.

We have begun research on current and former ringing societies. In future we intend to provide lists of members who represented each, with links to their individual biographic records as an alternative way to access the records. Our aspiration to provide online submission and access to biographic information about ringers is still awaiting upgrade of the Council website.

Future plans include:

- Developing a set of advice for ringers wishing to undertake biographical / historical research, which will be available from our pages on the website, together with supporting articles for *The Ringing World* (also distributed via other appropriate channels).
- Seeking links with the wider world of social and family history research and possibly writing an article(s) for suitable newsletters or journals.
- Exploring the possibility of creating some permanent exhibition material (for use at Council meetings and other suitable events) to illustrate our work and to interest other ringers.
- Considering the potential for a session on researching the history of ringers and ringing.
- Collaborating with the Library Committee, whose work also includes stimulating and supporting an interest in the history of ringing.
- Adding notes to the historic records (in the attached envelopes) of additional information or corrections that are already on the web as addenda alongside the images of the original records.

We are grateful to all those who have helped us by providing information and we look forward to working with other people who are interested in ringing history or researching the history of their societies or local ringers.

Members and former members of the Council who died in 2014 are:

- William Leslie Weller MBE, Sussex County Association, 1963 - 1973, attended 5 meetings, died 16 March 2014.
- John Hewitson Atkinson, Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, 1982 - 1987, attended 4 meetings, died 18 May 2014.
- Kathryn Elaine Tucker, North American Guild, 2008 - 2011, attended 3 meetings, died 24 August 2014.

- Stanley E Darmon, Cambridge University Guild, 1951 - 1954, attended 3 meetings, died 16 October 2014.

JOHN HARRISON (*Chairman*)
 RICHARD ANDREW
 PATRICIA HALLS
 PATRICK HICKEY
 DAVID JONES
 BOBBIE MAY
 MARGARET ORAM
 DEBORAH THORLEY
 DAVID WILLIS

Compositions Committee



The Compositions Committee stand at the 2014 Roadshow (l-r): Paul Flavell, Tim Jackson and Richard Allton

The Compositions Committee hold regular conference calls and are in contact by email.

During the year, the following submissions were published in *The Ringing World*:

- article on Gabriel Lindoff
- article on Charles Sedgley
- the best 1,280 in TB Major methods.

The *Ringing World* diary compositions were updated in conjunction with the Methods Committee and further reviews will be made for the 2016 diary.

The key work of the Committee is to maintain and update the web collection of peal (22,937 as at 22 Jan 2015) and quarter peal (1,597) compositions and to encourage new submissions, particularly from aspiring composers who we have tried to encourage as much as possible. Many thanks to all our contributors for their wide variety of compositions. We are now including date touches and touches of special length (e.g. 1,914-1,918, 2015, 2016) in the quarter peal collection, so this makes the web collection a valuable resource for ringers everywhere.

This means that over 1,900 peal compositions and over 200 quarter peals were uploaded to the website in twelve months, meaning on average we process over 40 compositions per week. Our particular thanks go to Richard Allton and Don Morrison for undertaking this as compositions are submitted in a number of formats from spreadsheets to written paper and these have to be carefully entered and checked for accuracy and truth.

The web collection is a continually expanding database of all types of

compositions, and the ICT Committee have instigated a formal back up of the data on to the CCCBR Amazon Web Services Account on a daily basis, with a separate snapshot stored on a monthly basis.

The easy access of online compositions means there now appears to be little demand for printed books. It is difficult to justify the work required to produce and publish new books of compositions.

It may be possible to produce pdfs of existing composition books or from the web collection and we will be looking into this.

Stephen Beckingham has written a paper on producing the best 1,280 and a website with the results <http://bex280.x10.mx/> and is looking at ways of expanding the data.

The current goal of a small number of gifted composers is to produce methods and compositions that produce the maximum available runs of four or more bells, seemingly the more complex the better, whilst lesser mortals are content to provide compositions of standard methods and compositions for one off methods.

Breakthroughs in composition tend to be discussed on ringing theory chat lists, reducing the necessity for detailed reviews in *The Ringing World*. However, despite offers to *The Ringing World* by the Compositions Committee to check and prove compositions prior to publication, we are concerned that compositions that have not been checked or proved by us continue to appear in *The Ringing World* in letters or articles. We can therefore take no responsibility for compositions not supplied by the Committee.

Most composers appear to be self-taught. We met several composers at our Roadshow stand, shared with Peal Records and Byroc, in Newbury and offered encouragement and help to young aspiring composers including Andrew Rawlinson and George Salter.

Prior to his illness, Roger Bailey was collating a collection of handbell compositions for the Committee. Peter Blight has now taken on the responsibility to update and maintain this collection which can be found at <http://www.ringing.info/handbell-collection/>.

The Committee would like to welcome Stephen Beckingham and George Salter to the Committee.

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

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 RICHARD ALLTON
 STEPHEN BECKINGHAM
 FRED BONE
 STUART HUTCHIESON
 GEORGE SALTER

Education Committee

Since the Council meeting in 2014, the Committee has held two full meetings, being one face to face at Wellesbourne in Warwickshire, plus one by phone conference. This year we welcomed two new members: Tim Hine (North Staffordshire Association) and Lucy Hopkins Till (Oxford Diocesan Guild).

The Committee has continued with a range of initiatives, which includes some which are owned mainly within the Committee itself and an increasing number which involve liaising with other groups both inside and outside the Central Council, who are involved in ringing education and training in some form. That reflects the Committee's new Terms of Reference, agreed at the last Council meeting.

The Committee continues to co-ordinate closely with the Association of Ringing Teachers (ART). Members of this Committee are involved as Mentors, Tutors and Management Committee members. In addition, some materials continue to be jointly developed between the two, including the further development of the Ringing Practice Toolkit.

We also liaise with a number of other groups, by our members being part of the Council's committees for Ringing Centres, Public Relations, Ringing Trends, Towers and Belfries and the Change Ringing for the Future group, plus The Ringing Foundation and the Whiting Society. In addition, we co-ordinated with the Publications Committee on their initiative to make more publications available online. All these together inevitably mean some people are stretched, which is being considered going forward through the committee size.

We had a good presence at this year's Ringing Roadshow, co-ordinating with ART on adjacent stands. We contributed both a Listening Seminar, plus a stand with a variety of features, including new videos and popular wallcharts for sale.

We have continued to develop and deliver the Listening Course, with new materials now incorporating both the *Abel* and *Beltower* software packages, plus the Central Council Listening CDs. We are underway with making this new course available in an easier to use package, so it can be downloaded and delivered locally, which we expect to be in place later this coming year.

The Conduct 5040 scheme (**becoming support4u2conduct.org**) continues with a modest number of new participants. In conjunction with this, ART have developed a new conducting training course, with help from a variety of prominent conductors, which it is hoped will provide more candidates for this mentoring scheme.

This year has been one of transition for the Committee, as we have seen a change of Secretary and Treasurer, with Lucy Hopkins Till and Susan Welch taking over for the coming year. A big thank you is recorded to Geoff Horritt and Brian Sanders, respectively, for many years of work in these important posts.

Many people have assisted the Committee with its work and we extend our thanks to them all, particularly Frank Lewis for helping to maintain all the information on the Committee's web pages, plus relatives and friends who helped at the Ringing Roadshow.

Looking forward, the Committee plans to put together a package of training on Leadership for Ringing (in conjunction with ART and other Council members) and to write a Teaching Manual in book form, plus further

work on new ringing videos (liaising with a North America initiative).

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TIM HINE
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GILL HUGHES
CATHERINE LEWIS
PIP PENNEY
DAVID ROSKELLY
SUSAN WELCH

Information and Communications Technology Committee

The increase in the Committee's membership in 2014 has allowed the rôle of Webmaster for the CCCBR website to be shared by Andrew Hall and Peter Trotman, removing its former sole dependency on Peter, and has also permitted them to start preparatory work on the migration of the website to the Joomla! Content Management System.

Further examples of the Committee's work include:

- Implementation of daily backup of the data underlying Don Morrison's compositions collections to an Amazon Web Services cloud storage account by Leigh Simpson. He also established a GitHub source code control library for the CCCBR website data and source code whose contents are being maintained by Andrew Hall.
- Continued growth of the collection of biographical records on the Biographies Committee's web pages by Stuart Piper, who has this year also added online copies of Bill Butler's articles on *Prolific Peal Ringers* originally published in *The Ringing World*.
- Development by Fred Bone of key code for the use of PayPal for the online purchase of Central Council publications.

We remain grateful to Aidan Hopkins for administering our website server, and to members of the Education, Library and Peal Records committees for the maintenance of their sections of the website.

Plans for the coming year:

- Develop project plan for migration of website to Joomla! CMS;
- Involve more ICTC members in Joomla! migration and other work;
- Work with Tony Smith to transfer Methods Committee archives to CCCBR website;
- Explore possible means to ensure continued viability of key ringing software resources.

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ANDREW HALL (*Co-opted*)
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STEPHEN NASH
STUART PIPER
DAVID RICHARDS
LEIGH SIMPSON

Library Committee

The Ringing World DVD 1971-2000: we hope this will be available for sale at the 2015 Council meeting. Thanks go to Paul Johnson for undertaking yet more work to complete the set. Earlier DVDs are advertised on the Library Publications page of the Council website (www.cccbr.org.uk/library/pubs/).

Order and Disorder publications: John Eisel has continued to research and collate newspaper reports from 1830 onwards. As the century proceeded there was an enormous increase in the number of reports of ringing, and this has caused logistical problems. The intention is that the third volume will cover the period 1830 to 1839, material for which has gone through a first editing stage. As more sources became available, it is inevitable that unpublished material from earlier times was discovered, and this will be included in two appendices. The next stage is for the book to be laid out, and when this has been done, quotes can be obtained for printing the volume. The previous volumes are still available and are listed on our Publications page.

Fabian Stedman: a new biography of Fabian Stedman was published by the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* on 25 September 2014, and this includes new material written by John Eisel. The Exercise is indebted to John for all his research that he shares with us and through *The Ringing World*.

Two Committee meetings were held in February and October and we met briefly at our



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The front and reverse of the bookmark produced last year

sales table at the Maidstone Council meeting and the Ringing Roadshow where we ran a busy stand. Alan Glover sold the remaining duplicate books and Linda Foddering produced an attractive bookmark to draw attention to the services we offer. Meanwhile Paul Johnson demonstrated the *Bell News* and *Ringing World* DVDs on his laptop enabling people to see the products before buying.

At the Maidstone Council meeting the Committee size increased to six (plus the library steward) and we welcomed Sue Marsden (Ely Diocesan Guild and a professional librarian) to the Committee.

Sue is going to help with the online catalogue. Linda assists with administrative matters, such as minutes and the *Friends Newsletter*, and Jenny runs the packing and despatch department for *Order and Disorder* publications, promotes library matters on the Council's Facebook page and is very useful at events like the Ringing Roadshow!

Collaboration with other committees: we work with the Biographies Committee on various practical matters and are planning a joint Outreach Day in February 2016. We liaise with Alan Baldock re the *Felstead* database.

We are grateful to the Friends of the Library for their subscriptions, which endorse the work the Library Committee undertakes. Also, nineteen people have taken up the offer of Life Membership. Ian Self is the Friends co-ordinator.

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. The annual grant received from the Council towards maintenance of the Library has been waived for 2014 only. This will be shown in the 2015 accounts and arises from the surplus made from selling duplicate copies of books. Copies of the accounts are available on request from Ian Self.

William Willans has kindly written an interesting Essay (No 22 in the series) entitled: "The Rambling Ringers Club, Nov 29 1733" to accompany the newsletter sent to the Friends. We are most grateful to John Eisel for writing twenty essays for us, which are available on our website.

2014 saw steady use of the library with eighteen items being borrowed and seventy-four queries dealt with by sending scans or written replies.

Last year the question of a secure home for the library's second set of bound copies of *The Ringing World* was mentioned. This was solved with the help of Michael Williams, a former member of the Library Committee. The volumes are now safely ensconced in the Music Library in Oxford's Bodleian Libraries. They can be consulted in Oxford, subject to the normal reader's ticket requirements. It is hoped this location will be more convenient than Shropshire for some potential users.

During the year the John Taylor Bellfoundry Museum, and the Board of Bell Foundry Collections Ltd, decided to rebind their very nearly complete set of *Church Bells*, a church paper which ran from 1870 to 1906 and which

always published some news of, and comment on, bells and bell ringing. Through the good offices of Chris Pickford, the Library Committee was given access to the disbound copies of the paper enabling good quality scans to be made of all the bell related material. These had to be made 'in-house' as the relevant material had to be identified within each issue. This varied in amount and layout from week to week and would have required a commercial scanner to scan the entire output. We contributed just over £1,000 to the cost of disbinding, resewing and rebinding the 37 volumes involved, the money coming from our Friends' subscriptions. The scans are now available on our website at <http://www.cccbr.org.uk/library/olpubs/>.

We have made a little more progress in filling some of the gaps in our archive of annual reports. Helen Foster, Charles Reede, Imelda Byrne and the Taylor Foundry archive are among those who have provided very useful reports. Many guilds and associations send a copy of their annual reports to the Library as a matter of course, and to these we are grateful. Other secretaries or report editors are not so helpful and an increasing amount of time is spent pursuing and purchasing these important links in our contemporary archive.

The Librarian has made a plea each year for help in locating some of the key missing reports, and each year some have been secured, so here is this year's wish list.

Librarian's wish list

Bath and Wells D A 1927 and 1928
Bedfordshire A 1928 and 1930
Beverley and District 1964-1966
Cumberland and N Westmorland Soc 1951-56 and 1960
Derby D A 1946-1949 and 1951
Devonshire Guild 1929, 1930, 1934, 1937-42, 1944
Durham and Newcastle D A 1957/58, 1962/63, 1969/70
EDWNA 2010, 2012, 2013
Ely D G 1908-1911
Essex A 1912, 1914, 1917, 1930
Gloucester and Bristol 1914, 1915
Guildford D G 2012, 2013
Hertford County A 1921/22
Middlesex County Assoc 1897-1898, 1899/1900
Midland Counties A 1929
Midland Counties G 1966, 1981
North Wales A 1993-1995, 2000, 2001
Peterborough D G 1925
Salisbury D G 1911, 1912, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1918
Shropshire A Any pre 1938
Surrey A 1911, 1914-1922, 1925-1927
Truro D G 1960, 1962-1964
Winchester D G 1924, 1925

We also have a large number of duplicate annual reports. If you need one or more to complete a set, it might be worth enquiring of the Librarian (librarysteward@cccbr.org.uk).

The ringers of St Mary's, Reigate, kindly offered the library a bound set of *Campanology*, an offer which was gratefully accepted. They are looking for a home for a few more items, in order to free up space and see the books in the

hands of someone who will make use of them. They are:

1. *Church Bells* 1871-1872 Two years' bound copies of the publication. Damaged spine and loose front board
2. *Church Bells* 1873-1874 As above, but in better condition.
3. *Church Bells* 1872-1886 Selected copies only bound into a single volume. Front cover slightly damaged.
4. *The Bell News and Ringers' Record* 21.xii.1895 – 25.xii.1897. Two years' bound copies.

If you are interested in any of these four items, please contact Ed Stonard directly at es@reigategrammar.org.

The Librarian's current task is to update the catalogue to prepare it for going online. John Eisel's 2002 catalogue and its 2007 update have served us well, but the time has come for a major revision, incorporating all the additions to the collection, including the non-book items. Many of the books do not fit easily into only one of the classes we have used, so these have been revised and more cross referencing between the classes introduced. Most of the basic work has been done and it is hoped that the catalogue will go online in an interim form early in 2015. This will probably consist of a series of searchable pdfs – one for each class. We will then invite corrections and suggestions for improvements before an online database is produced.

2015-16 Work Plan:

- Outreach Day (joint event with the Biographies Committee).
- *The Ringing World* DVD 1971-2000 to be published.
- *Order and Disorder* 1830-1839 by John Eisel.
- Online catalogue with Search facility.
- Library catalogue Part II (non-book materials).
- Online Obituaries Index: this contains 10,000 names searchable by name, place and date. Thanks to Chris Pickford for supplying 2000-2013 data.
- Maintain library webpages.
- Maintain online badge catalogue.
- Ringing Certificates from guilds/associations/societies to be available online – request from Chris Ridley.

Two members of the Committee will be retiring at the Hull Council meeting.

STELLA BIANCO (*Chairman*)
ALAN GLOVER (*Library Steward*)
LINDA FODDERING
PAUL JOHNSON
JENNY LAWRENCE
SUSAN MARSDEN
IAN SELF

Report of the Stewards of the Carter Ringing Machine Collection

2014 has been an interesting year. As an experiment, we took out separate insurance for

the Carter machine which allowed us full cover, not limited to the Taylor Museum as in previous years. This has enabled us to feel free to undertake visits and demonstrations at other locations. It also allowed us to bring the machine home for maintenance and training purposes. We propose to make this the standard approach for coming years.

James Blackburn has taken up his post as Steward and he has been enthusiastic to try out various other methods on the machine. This has proved fairly successful, and we have rung touches of a variety of methods. We have been able to overcome some of the problems we have had in the past, though it seems unlikely that the machine will ever reach a high level of reliability, given that some parts are showing slight signs of wear.

During the year we have undertaken three demonstrations. In June we took the machine to St Silin's Church, Llansilin, where it was enthusiastically received, despite being unable to ring Grandsire on the day. About 30 people attended. In August the machine was taken to St John the Baptist church in Blisworth for the local Canal Festival. This was a two-day event during which occasional short demonstrations were given. Many of the visitors to the village for the Festival came into the church and a number were intrigued by the machine. The third outing was to the Ringing Roadshow at Newbury Racecourse. During the course of the day many people visited our stand and were delighted to see the machine 'in the flesh', having heard about it but never having had an opportunity to see it performing.

At all three outings the machine displayed its usual unpredictability, sometimes behaving really well, then for no apparent reasons being unable to perform correctly. At Newbury in particular it showed a tendency for the drive motor to overheat and require cooling-off periods. This is probably due to this being the one time when it was ringing continuously for long periods of time.

At all three outings we also displayed the Mark 16 Cummins Electronic Ringing Simulator. So far this has proved to be the only one of the Cummins machines in the collection to be operational. It always behaves well, and is a valuable fall-back when the Carter machine decides to misbehave. As we lack detailed documentation of the other machines it seems unlikely that these can be made to work without extensive work. Due to other commitments neither of the Stewards is likely to be able to devote the necessary time to undertake this in the foreseeable future.

For the future, we hope to be able to undertake a few outings in 2015. At the time of writing this report nothing has been arranged, but we are currently working on two minor projects: one is to arrange for the Cummins machine to operate the Carter bells, while the second is to use modern technology to arrange for the Carter machine to ring on the carillon at the Taylor Bell Foundry.

BILL PURVIS
JAMES BLACKBURN

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 along with the new Great War Roll of Honour; they are in good condition and the pages are regularly turned. The original Great War Book records 1207 names, the new Great War Book records 118, with 15 more soon to be added, and the WWII Book 300 names.

Now that the 3 books are stored in a display case originally designed to hold the two original books they are very tightly packed and I will be investigating what can be done to extend the display case over the coming months.

The digitisation project of Great War Rolls of Honour in their care undertaken by the authorities at St Paul's Cathedral mentioned in my report last year has been completed and it is hoped that we will receive digital copies of the two Great War Rolls of Honour shortly. We plan to have this linked to the Rolls of Honour website.

There have been a number of corrections made to the entries on the Rolls of Honour website pages and the 15 recent new finds have now been added. Peter Trotman has continued his work on making these corrections and updates and I am most grateful to him for this.

The first of the "Rolls of Honour" commemorating those who fell from 26th August 1914 to 31st December 1914 appeared in *The Ringing World* dated 8th August 2014, with photographs of a number of ringers who died during the conflict. I am most grateful to Yvonne Cairns for supplying additional information about many of those listed and to Geoffrey Dorling for his work ensuring that the photographic images were of the highest standard.

Further "Rolls of Honour" have appeared in *The Ringing World*, one on 2nd January 2015 giving details of those who fell during January 1915, another on 6th March 2015 giving details of those who died during March 1915, and the most recent one, on 27th March 2015, giving details of those who died during April 1915. All articles included a number of photographs of individuals, graves and memorials. Future ones will appear over the coming months. In addition, where possible, I have contacted local ringers encouraging commemorative ringing, and am very pleased to be able to report that many have been commemorated on or very close to the centenary of their death, I am most grateful to all those ringers who have taken part. Some guilds and associations have co-

ordinated efforts to assist with these commemorations and I would particularly like to thank Ellen Crabtree who is co-ordinating this for those who were Durham & Newcastle DA members. I hope ringers will continue these commemorations.

In addition, an article appeared in *The Ringing World* of 7th November 2014 which wrote about the 6 ringers commemorated in Vermelles British Cemetery, which is situated north west of Lens in Northern France.

Many towers commemorated the centenary of the start of the First World War and I am most grateful to those who contacted me about this ringing.

During July 2014 I was very pleased to travel with a group of College Youth members and friends to visit graves and view memorials where College Youths members are commemorated. During this visit Simon Meyer, College Youths Master, laid a wreath as part of the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ieper (Ypres). I was able to attend the commemoration service in Salisbury Cathedral arranged by the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. This was a very moving and well attended service at which the names and towers of all fallen SDG members were read out.

As always I am grateful to ringers and others for supplying information, particularly Robert Wellen from the Salisbury Guild who has done considerable research to identify more names from his area, Alan Seymour who continues to research those from Sussex, and to David Underdown for his continued work researching those who came from the Surrey Association area.

ALAN REGIN

Report of the Stewards of the Dove Database

If, as a Council member, you are wishing to quantify the demanding amount of work that the Dove Stewards undertook during the course of 2014 (in terms of effort constantly needing to be expended), it is quickly summed up as follows: 843 updates to the information that we show against a 'Dove entry', and 894 to the prototype-National Bell Register (*pNBR*) information. Moreover, those figures of course do not take into account work on amending the design of the underlying database as new requirements emerge.

The number of *Dove* entries, and the changes that occurred during 2014, are summarised as follows.

	Rings			Unringable		
	as at 1 Jan	as at 31 Dec	change	as at 1 Jan	as at 31 Dec	change
16s	3	3	0	0	0	0
14s	2	2	0	0	0	0
12s	137	138	+1	0	0	0
10s	274	274	0	2	2	0
9s	1	1	0	0	0	0
8s	1886	1889	+3	40	39	-1
6s	2915	2922	+7	86	86	0
5s	608	605	-3	134	140	+6
4s	319	317	-2	151	150	-1
3s	990	985	-5	570	570	0
Total	7135	7136	+1	983	987	+4

The primary source for such information change is our 'ringing public' and we continue to be grateful to those who are vigilant and notify us when they spot some piece of information that they believe we should know about. It is even better when they also provide us with guidance as to their data source for that necessary change. We trust that such correspondents will feel that the service they receive – by way of acknowledgement and consequential updated entry – justifies the effort expended on their part. Some of them are regular, and some exceedingly vigilant, and both such groups rightly keep us on our toes!

This year we wish in particular to thank Alan Buswell for his ongoing work in supplying details of various Gillett and Johnston bell installations from their tuning records. Although this has proved to be a time-consuming exercise for all involved, particularly as some of the data are now over 100 years old, this has proved invaluable in allowing us to continue improving the coverage within the *pNBR*. We look forward to working with Alan in 2015 to continue with this exercise.

Notable developments during the year also saw us keeping abreast of Peter Dyson's work on the identity and the working periods within the lists that we have for founders. Diocesan boundary changes in Yorkshire (Bradford, Ripon and Leeds, and Wakefield have all disappeared as distinct entities, and with a very few exceptions their parishes moved to the newly designated Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales) had to be coped with in the early part of the year. Also John's son (Sid) produced a second version of his excellent *Dove's Guide* mobile app for iOS and which uses the 'Dove data file' which we update on an almost daily basis.

Taken together, all the above represents no small amount of work, and is – as all information shown on the internet exemplifies – only too prone to what one might refer to as 'finger trouble' (eg, typos, careless errors, inconsistencies, lack of clarity). We divide the work between us roughly (but not rigidly) on the basis that John deals with the bulk of the e-mails and database content updates, while Tim is meticulous in checking everything for credibility and consistency – which is no small task.

We continue to provide access to the raw data that underpins the *Dove* database to those who request it. We are particularly pleased this year to report that these data are now also being used by *BellBoard* to facilitate consistent entry of place name, dedication, and tenor weight when submitting peal and quarter peal performances.

We are both fairly anxious to find successors in the role of Dove Steward and, as we have indicated on more than one occasion, time is running out and the *urgency for new help really does grow greater* every day. We make no apology for emphasising that the underlying database needs a complete revamp using a modern approach for it is surely only a matter of time (possibly measured in months rather than years) before the DOS-based product which is currently in use (DataEase) will cease to run on Microsoft Windows. MySQL would seem to offer a way ahead and we will happily

liaise with, and do as much as we can to assist, anyone who feels that they have the necessary skills, time, and initiative to undertake this task ... as well as maintaining the quality of data which has been paramount in our approach.

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
J. Newman
Miss Helen Webb
D. Westerman
R. Wood

The Honorary Secretary is: R. J. Cooles

The Honorary Treasurer is: Helen Webb

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The Committee has not 'rescued' any rings of bells during the past year but has continued to use its own funds to assist the Keltek Trust

Rescue Fund to enable the joint funding to finance the acquisition of bells otherwise at risk and for those bells to be reused elsewhere. As last year this has enabled the Trust funds to actually be used during the year for the rescue of various bells rather than just idling in a bank account.

It has therefore helped both organisations achieve their objectives.

It is some years since the Trust has had to request those ringers who are prepared to lend money to the Fund in case of need to support the work of the Trust. The Trust's own finances have been sufficient to meet cases of need but the Committee remains grateful to those who continue to leave their offer on the table from year to year.

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 2014

	2014	2013
Incoming resources		
Interest receivable	20.67	28
Every Click (=donations from ringers)	19.82	82
Donations	1,000.00	0
Refund	0	40
Resources expended		
Payments	0	0
Net incoming resources	1040.49	150
Balances at 1 January	13,721	13,571
Balances at 31 December	14,761.49	13,721
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2014		
Current assets		
Loan to Keltek Trust		
Rescue Fund	8,500	8,500
Cash in bank and on deposit	6,261.49	5,221
Total current assets	14,761.49	13,721
Current liabilities	0	0
Net current assets	14,761.49	13,721
Funds		
Unrestricted	14,761.49	13,721
	HELEN WEBB	
	31 March 2015	

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.