

2009 Central Council Supplement

Sponsored Peal at the 2008 Ringing Roadshow



David Pipe, Philip Earis and Andrew Tibbetts in action at the show (Photographs by the Editor)

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

STONELEIGH PARK, Works, Main Exhibition Hall
Sat Sep 6 2008 4h59 (10)

15120 Treble Dodging Minor

(20m: (1) Pevensey D; (2) Kingston TB; (3) Mendip TB; (4) St Werburgh D; (5) Francis Genius D; (6) Fountains D; (7) Southwark D; (8) Donottar D; (9) Wilmslow D; (10) Norton-Le-Moors TB; (11) Morpeth S; (12) Kent TB; (13) Norwich S; (14) Bogedone D; (15) Berwyn TB; (16) Kirkstall D; (17) Castleton D; (18) St Werburgh D; (19) Whitley S; (20) Knutsford D; (21) Bucknall D)

1-2 Philip J Earis

3-4 Andrew J Tibbetts(C)

5-6 David J Pipe

Sponsored in aid of the Ringing Foundation and rung as part of the Ringing Roadshow 2008. Each extent was sponsored by a different individual with methods being announced by Master of Ceremonies, John Thurman.

Following the performance of a normal length peal in public at the 2006 Ringing Roadshow by the record-breaking Cambridge handbell band, the organizers of RR2008 were keen for them to ring another demonstration peal at Stoneleigh. The boys, ever keen to do something with “wow” factor, proposed ringing a long length of 21 extents, 15,120 changes, which could easily be fitted into the course of a day’s opening at the Roadshow.

At the same time, The Ringing Foundation was investigating ways of raising its own profile whilst also raising some money to help support its activities. The handbell band was approached with the suggestion that the

Roadshow peal could be sponsored in some way and they readily agreed.

A mechanism was developed by which many of those attending the Stoneleigh event could participate: tickets were sold enabling people to choose from the 147 “standard” Treble Dodging methods; many thanks are due to Eleanor Linford for her excellent display material detailing all of the methods and the sponsorship process. Punters could be seen using a variety of ways of selecting methods: a familiar, unusual or amusing name, an interesting blue line or maybe just a wild stab in the dark; an undercover campaign encouraging everyone to select Kent Treble Bob was unsuccessful ...

All completed tickets were then entered into a hat and methods for each extent were drawn out by Master of Ceremonies, John Thurman (thanks, John), at selected points throughout the day. John also had the nerve-wracking responsibility of monitoring the ringing and calling out the changes of method at the end of each extent; the band therefore had only about 2 seconds' notice of each new method – it comes as no surprise that this caused them no problems whatsoever!

The band tackled the challenge with their usual calm and relaxed demeanour, at times talking and laughing with the growing crowd of onlookers, at other times serious when more concentration was required. The peal was completed in a minute under 5 hours to loud and extended applause, all received with customary modesty by the three geniuses. Remarkably, despite every ticket holder having a free choice of all the available methods, there was only one duplicate drawn in the course of the peal: St Werburgh Delight. All those whose chosen methods were rung received commemorative certificates with the peal details and their extent highlighted.

The Ringing Foundation is very grateful to Philip, David and Andrew for their considerable efforts on our behalf, and congratulates them on yet another remarkable performance, and thanks all those who bought a ticket for their very generous support.

Sponsors of each extent:

1. Stef Warboys (Birmingham) –
Pevensey Delight
2. June Matthews (Wirral) –
Kingston Treble Bob
3. Jenny Murch (Hull) – Mendip Treble Bob
4. Frank Lewis (Sundridge) –
St Werburgh Delight
5. Rona Joiner (London) –
Francis Genius Delight
6. Jennie Town (Northallerton) –
Fountains Delight
7. Roger Booth (London) – Southwark Delight
8. Simon Linford (Birmingham) –
Donattar Delight
9. Robin Rogers (Middleton) –
Wilmslow Delight
10. John Warboys (Birmingham) –
Norton-le-Moors Treble Bob
11. Derek Sibson (Kettering) – Morpeth
Surprise
12. Martin Cansdale (London) –
Kent Treble Bob
13. David Palmer (London) – Norwich
Surprise
14. George Unsworth (Cambridge) –
Bogedone Delight
15. Pat Davidson (Salisbury) –
Berwyn Treble Bob
16. John Armstrong (Shenfield) –
Kirkstall Delight
17. Anthony Cotton (Derby) –
Castleton Delight
18. Tim Soanes (Berkeley) –
St Werburgh Delight
19. Jemma Mills (Shelford) – Whitley Surprise
20. Jackie Roberts (Woking) –
Knutsford Delight
21. John Hughes-D'Aeth (St Albans) –
Bucknall Delight

D.G.H.



David Pipe, Simon Holden and John Thurman, Master of Ceremonies



Trustees Roger Booth, David Hull and Robert Hancock on the Ringing Foundation's Roadshow stand. The sponsored peal raised around £500 for the Foundation

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

Registered Charity No 270036

The second session of the 40th Council (112th Annual Meeting) will be held on Monday, 25th May 2009 in St Andrew's Methodist Church, Pump Street, Worcester, starting at 10.00 a.m. It will be preceded by a Corporate Communion Service at 8.30 a.m. in Old St Martin's Church, Cornmarket.

Will members please sign the roll and be in their seats by 9.50 a.m. – the roll will invite you to sign in both as a member of The Ringing World Limited and The Ringing Foundation Limited.

The morning session will be adjourned at 12.45 p.m.; at 2.15 p.m. the Annual Meeting of The Ringing World Limited will be held; the afternoon session will resume after that Meeting.

The afternoon session will be adjourned at 4.15 p.m.; at 4.45 p.m. the Annual Meeting of The Ringing Foundation Limited will be held; if required, 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 2008 Annual Meeting (p.425).
7. Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
8. Annual Report of the Council (p.430).
9. Accounts for 2008 (p.431).
10. Election of Honorary Members:
Gail Cater, Robert Lewis, Jackie Roberts and Jane Wilkinson retire. Gail Cater is not seeking re-election. There are in all 5 vacancies.
11. Election of Honorary Secretary for 2009 - 2011:

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
Mary Bone	Robert Cooles	Derek Sibson
Barrie Dove	Neil Donovan	Mike Chester
12. Motions:
 - (A) That Rule 14(iv) be amended as follows:
Delete the last sentence as substitute:
'Each of these committees shall have power to co-opt any number of members of the Council. Co-opted members shall retire at the next annual meeting and shall not be taken into account in determining the members who are to retire by rotation'.
Proposed on behalf of the Administrative Committee by David Sparling (Essex Association), seconded by Roger Bailey (Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild).
 - (B) That Rule 14(ii)(e) be amended as follows:
Delete 'Peal Compositions' and substitute 'Compositions'.
That Rule 15(vii) be amended as follows:
Delete:
'The Peal Compositions Committee. To promote the art of composition; to maintain a representative collection of peal compositions and prepare for publication such collections as the Council shall direct; to select, check, and prepare compositions for publication in *The Ringing World*; and to encourage the use of aids in composition'.
Substitute:
'The Compositions Committee. To promote the art of composition; to maintain a representative collection of peal compositions and compositions of other lengths and to prepare for publication such collections as the Council shall direct; to select, check, and prepare compositions for publication in *The Ringing World*; and to encourage the use of aids in composition'.
Proposed on behalf of the Peal Compositions Committee by Paul Flavell (Surrey Association), seconded by Robin Hall (Cambridge University Guild).
 - (C) That Rule 15(ii) be amended as follows:
Delete:
'The Biographies Committee. To maintain an account of the work and general ringing activities of past and present members of the Council'.
Substitute:
'The Biographies Committee. To maintain an account of the work and general ringing activities of past and present ringers'.
Proposed by John Cater (Derby Diocesan Association), seconded by Andrew Wilby (Ancient Society of College Youths).

(D) That Rule 6 (Honorary Members) be amended as follows:

Delete the whole of the Existing Rule, viz:

'Honorary Members shall be elected for three years and, on retiring, shall be eligible for re-election (retirement and election taking effect as from the end of the annual meeting), provided that any Honorary Member who during his term of office may be elected a Representative or Life Member shall, *ipso facto*, vacate his honorary membership. Election shall be by ballot and require the vote of a majority of those present. The Council may fill a vacancy among the Honorary Members at any annual meeting of the Council. Notwithstanding the note above concerning when the election takes effect, a new Honorary Member shall be eligible for election to a committee at that meeting'.

Substitute:

'Persons who are not members of the Council shall be eligible for election to committees of the Council. Upon election they shall become Honorary Members of the Council for three years and shall retire in rotation with other Committee members. Honorary Members who during this term of office may be elected a Representative or Life Member shall, *ipso facto*, vacate this honorary membership. Honorary Members shall not be eligible to chair a committee or to become an Officer of the Council'.

Proposed by Laith Reynolds (Australian & New Zealand Association) and seconded by Andrew Wilby (Ancient Society of College Youths).

13. 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.434):

John Baldwin, Alan Frost, Robert Lewis and Judith Rogers retire. There are 4 vacancies.

(b) Tower Stewardship (p.435):

Ernie Runciman and Robert Wood retire. Robert Wood is not seeking re-election. There are 2 vacancies.

(c) Biographies (p.435):

Pat Halls and Jane Mason retire. There are 2 vacancies.

(d) Education (p.435):

Barrie Dove, Geoff Horritt, Catherine Lewis, Heather Peachey and David Strong retire.

Barrie Dove and David Strong are not seeking re-election. There are 4 vacancies.

(e) Information and Communications Technology (p.436):

Geoff Emerson and Peter Trotman retire. Geoff Emerson is not seeking re-election. There are 3 vacancies.

(f) Library (p.436):

Mike Davies and Jean Sanderson retire. Mike Davies is not seeking re-election. There are 2 vacancies.

(g) Methods (p.437):

Roger Bailey and Philip Saddleton retire. Roger Bailey is not seeking re-election. There are 3 vacancies.

(h) Peal Compositions (p.437):

Richard Allton, Roger Bailey and Stuart Hutchieson retire. There are 3 vacancies.

(i) Peal Records (p.437):

Richard Allton, Phillip Barnes and Martin Turner retire. Martin Turner is not seeking re-election. There are 3 vacancies.

(j) Public Relations (p.441):

Peter Burgess, Alan Chantler and Jane Wilkinson retire. Peter Burgess is no longer a member of Council. There are 6 vacancies.

(k) Publications (p.443):

John Couperthwaite and Barbara Wheeler retire. There are 2 vacancies.

(l) Redundant Bells (p.444):

Alan Frost and Jane Wilkinson retire. There are 2 vacancies.

(m) Ringing Centres (p.444):

Christine Baldock, Gail Cater and Norman Mattingley retire. There are 3 vacancies.

(n) Ringing Trends (p.445):

Alison Hodge and Beryl Norris retire. There are 4 vacancies.

(o) Towers and Belfries (p.448):

Peter Bennett, George Dawson, Chris Povey, Bernard Stone and Jim Taylor retire. There are 5 vacancies.

(p) Bell Restoration (p.448):

John Barnes, Ken Davenport and Laith Reynolds retire. There are 4 vacancies.

14. Report of the Stewards of the Carter Ringing Machine Collection (p.449).

15. Report of the Steward of the Rolls of Honour (p.449).

16. Report of the Stewards of the Dove Database (p.450).

17. Central Council Rescue Fund for Redundant Bells (registered charity no. 278816) (p.451):

Report and Accounts.

18. Future meetings.

19. Any other business

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

Minutes of the First Session of the 40th Council (111th Annual Meeting), held in the Scotswood Suite of The Centre for Life, Newcastle on Monday 26th May 2008, at 10.00 a.m.

Present

Life Members: The Revd J C Baldwin, H W Rogers, A N Stubbs, D G Thorne.

Honorary Members: Mrs S Bianco, R Booth#, Mrs G Cater, R J Cooles, Mrs J A Edwards, J C Eisel, A J Frost, E G H Godfrey, W A Hibbert, T Jackson*, D J Kelly#, R A Lewis, Mrs H L E Peachey, C Ridley, Miss J Roberts, B Ward, Mrs P M Wilkinson.

Ancient Society of College Youths: R I Allton, S Linford, P A B Saddleton, A W R Wilby.

Australian & New Zealand Assn: I McCulloch, C O'Mahony*, L R Reynolds.

Bath & Wells Dio. Assn: R C Backhurst, Miss J Bunyan, Mrs C A Hardwick, M R T Higby, J R Taylor.

Bedfordshire Assn: P J S Albion, K Lewin, Mrs W Piercy.

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

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

Carlisle Dio. Guild: Ms W Graham*, J J Proudfoot.

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

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

Derby Dio. Assn: M Banks*, J A Cater, Mrs P A M Halls, Mrs G Hughes.

Devon Association: P J Pascoe.

Devonshire Guild: L E Boyce, J M Clarke, M G Mansley, D J Roberts.

Dorset County Assn: Mrs V Hereward*.

Durham & Newcastle Dio. Assn: Mrs Y Cairns*, H Smith, R R Warford, Mrs B M Wheeler.

Durham Univ. Society: M Williams.

East Derby & West Notts Assn: A Dempster.

East Grinstead & District Guild: R A Grant.

Ely Dio. Assn: G E Bonham, M B Davies, S Martin*.

Essex Assn: J Armstrong, F J P Bone, B Meads*, A G Semken, D L Sparling.

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

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

Hereford Dio. Guild: A Fortey, Mrs J Lawrence, Mrs J Mason.

Hertford County Assn: A F Alldrick, G A Duke, G T Horritt, B C Watson.

Irish Assn: C Holliday, Ms J Kelly.

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

Ladies Guild: Mrs A R Caton, Mrs J Stevenson*, Ms J K Wyatt*.

Lancashire Assn: G Blundell, D Burgess*, Mrs A E Pettifor, E Runciman, S D Woof.

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

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

Lincoln Dio. Guild: Mrs S Faull, A R Heppenstall, Mrs J M Rogers.

Liverpool Univ. Society: Mrs V Wilby*.

Llandaff & Monmouth Dio. Assn: P S Bennett, Mrs P Penney.

Middlesex County Assn. & London Dio. Guild: R Bailey, F T Blagrove.

National Police Guild: The Rt Revd B F Peachey.

North American Guild: B N Butler, Ms B Faber*, J I Mabe*, Ms K Tucker*.

North Staffordshire Assn: F Beech, Mrs J Beech, P Burgess*.

North Wales Assn: G P Morris.

Norwich Dio. Assn: P Adcock#, Miss T Crowder, D McLean#.

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

Oxford Society: Ms C L Bell*, B J Stone.

Oxford Univ. Society: M Bell*.

Peterborough Dio. Guild: D J Jones, Mrs E J Sibson.

St Martin's Guild: Mrs S J Warboys, M P A Wilby.

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

Scottish Assn: S Elwell-Sutton.

Shropshire Assn: N J Green.

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

Society of Sherwood Youths: P Hawcock.

South African Guild: A J Bolton (alt. member).

Southwell and Nottingham Dio. Guild: G A Dawson, A B Mills, Ms M J Stephens, R E H Woolley.

Suffolk Guild: R J Munnings*, S D Pettman, The Revd Canon L R Pizzey, D G Salter.

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

Sussex County Assn: A R Baldock, Mrs C M Baldock, I P Hastilow*, D Kirkcaldy, Mrs M E Oram.

Swansea & Brecon Dio. Guild: P C Johnson.

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

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

Univ. London Society: M Trimm.

Veronese Assn: Dr A M Hodge.

Winchester & Portsmouth Dio. Guild: M J Church, P D Niblett, A P Smith, D Strong#, M J Winterbourne.

Worcestershire & Districts Assn: C M Povey, A Roberts, R J Walker.

Yorkshire Assn: A R Aspland, N Donovan, C B Dove, Mrs D M Rhymer, B Sanders*.

Zimbabwe Guild: R McAnulla (alt. member).

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

The Chair was taken by the President, Derek Sibson.

1. Opening Prayer

The Revd Lawrence Pizzey led the Council in prayer.

2. Report as to membership and subscriptions

The Hon Secretary, Ian Oram, reported that 65 societies were affiliated to the Council with 197 representatives; there were three vacancies. There were 5 Life Members and 18 Honorary Members. All subscriptions had been paid.

3. 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).

Five members who were previously Honorary Members were now Representative Members: Richard Allton for the Ancient Society of College Youths; Barrie Dove for the Yorkshire Association; William Jones for the Coventry Diocesan Guild; Judith Rogers for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild; and Robin Walker for the Worcestershire & Districts Association.

Three members now represented different Societies: Hilary Aslett the Peterborough Diocesan Guild; Nick Green the Shropshire Association; and Peter Niblett the Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

The President congratulated Frank Blagrove, a long-serving member of the Methods Committee, who that day was attending his 50th meeting.

The President thanked all retiring members, especially those retiring after many years' service to the Council.

4. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Doris Colgate and Howard Egglestone (Life Members), Roger Lubbock (Australian and New Zealand Assn), Chris White (Dorset CA), Anne Carpenter (Ely DA), John Croxton (Hereford DG), Les Townsend (Lincoln DG), David Stanworth (North Wales Assn), Betty Baines (Norwich DA), Hilary Aslett and Alan Chantler (Peterborough DG), Michael Neale (Scottish Assn), Fred Mitchell (Shropshire Assn), Jane Webster (South African Guild), Mary Jones (Truro DG), Paolo Avesani (Veronese Assn), Stewart Holbeche (Worcs & Districts Assn) and Anne Phillips (Zimbabwe Guild). Further apologies were presented from Andrew Higson (Honorary Member), William Jones (Coventry DG) and Julian Parker (Llandaff & Monmouth DA). Alternate members were present from the South African Guild and the Zimbabwe Guild.

5. Loss of members through death

Members stood in silence as the Hon Secretary read the name of a former member of the Council who had died prior to the last meeting but whose death had not been previously reported to the Council: Eric Billings (Peterborough DG 1962-1989, Hon Member 1991-1996); and the following members and former members who had died since the last meeting: Martin Cubitt (Norwich DA 1969-

1977); the Revd Prebendary John Scott (Guild Devonshire 1954-1985, Hon Member 1987-1998, Life Member from 1998); Keith Buckingham (Lincoln DG 2003-2005, Shropshire Assn from 2007); Harry Windsor MBE (Coventry DG 1959 and from 1963); Clare Higby (Ladies Guild 1981-1995); Joan Summerhayes (Ladies Guild 1963-1980); Stan Mason (ASCY 1957-1959, 1966-1974); Dick Speed (Middlesex CA and London DG 1954-1956, Hon Member 1958-1977, Peterborough DG 1978-1980, Hon Member 1982-1987, Worcs & Dist Assn 1990-2004); Shirley Drew (Hon Member 1971-1982); Alan Carveth (Truro DG 1956); Martin Fellows (Worcs & Dist Assn 1972-1986); and Brian Jeffrey (East Grinstead & Dist G 1966-1968). The Revd John Baldwin led members in prayer.

6. Minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28th May 2007 had been published in *The Ringing World* of 24th August 2007. The Hon Secretary reported the following errors: on page 859, item 14(b), paragraph 3, line 6, inset after 'information', 'when permitted,'; and in item 14 (e) the report was seconded by Alan Frost.

After the corrections were made, the Minutes were approved and signed by the President.

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

No member wished to raise any matter.

8. Annual Report of the Council (RW 25th April 2008, pp466-467)

The Hon Secretary noted that, arising from Society Annual Meetings held after the preparation of the report, there were several other changes: in paragraph 4 on page 466, the penultimate line, change 199 to 197. In the first section of the Appendix, line 6, add after 'member' and the Veronese Association has two less members'; in the next sentence change 199 to 197, 162 to 158 and the percentage becomes 80%; in line 11 change 37 to 40 and in line 12 change four to five. In the next section change 41 to 46 and after David Manger add: 'George Morris (Worcestershire & Districts Association, Veronese Association) elected 1975'.

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

9. Accounts for 2007

(RW 25th April 2008, pp467-469)

In presenting the Accounts, the Hon Treasurer, Derek Harbottle, noted that the Independent Examiners had been able to give an unqualified report. He drew attention to the main variances in the Statement of Financial Activities, adding that the negative figures resulted from payments of grants from the Bell Restoration Funds; the General Fund showed a small surplus, due to the increase in the affiliation fee, a rise in interest rates, a change of Insurer, and the reduced cost of the Council meeting arising from *The Ringing World* producing the

Supplement; the Fund had met the initial costs of The Ringing Foundation.

The Hon Treasurer proposed the adoption of the Accounts, the Vice-President seconded, and they were agreed.

Stef Warboys reminded members that the 2008 Accounts would show large expenditure on the Ringing Roadshow: the Officers had agreed to it being a 2-day event and had invested £20,000 in the Roadshow. The actual financial result would depend on the number attending: the organising team anticipated that 3,500 visitors were needed to break even; advance sales of tickets at a discount were going very slowly, so representatives were urged to encourage members of their Societies to come and see what the Council had to offer.

10. Election of Life Member

Andrew Stubbs was proposed by Chris Rogers, who spoke of Andrew's many years of service to the Council, *The Ringing World* and the Exercise in general. Andrew had represented the Ancient Society of College Youths since 1975; he was a member of the Ringing World Committee from 1978 to 1983 and then a Director of the Board of The Ringing World Limited until 2002, serving as Chairman from 1998. Since 1999 Andrew had been Steward of the Rolls of Honour. Stef Warboys seconded.

Voting was by ballot and the proposal was carried by a large majority. Andrew thanked the members for the honour conferred on him.

11. Election of Honorary Members

Nine Honorary Members would complete their three-year term at the end of the meeting: of these Andrew Higson and Chris Ridley were not seeking re-election and Barrie Dove, William Jones and Robin Walker were now Representative Members. The remaining four and seven others were elected as follows: Alan Bentley, who had been doing useful work on ringing centres; Alan Berry, who was continuing to care for the Carter Ringing Machine; Janet Edwards, who wanted to continue work for the Tower Stewardship Committee; John Eisel, the Library Steward; Alan Ellis, who had produced facsimile editions of various ringing books; Alan Frost, for his valuable experience as a respected architect for churches; Eric Godfrey, who was continuing as a Director of the Millennium Grants Company; Alan Regin, for his continuing work to improve and expand the Rolls of Honour; Jean Sanderson, to continue her valued contribution to the Library Committee; Robin Shipp, who could make useful contributions to the work of the Bell Restoration Committee; and Peter Trotman, who was willing to continue as webmaster and in that role to help many of the Council's committees. One vacancy remained unfilled.

12. Election of Officers for 2008 - 2011

President – Tony Smith, who had been proposed by Michael Church and seconded by Gail Cater, was the only nominee. The President declared him elected.

Vice-President – Kate Flavell, who had been proposed by Jackie Roberts and seconded by Ernie Runciman, was the only nominee. The President declared her elected.

Hon Secretary – Ian Oram, who had been proposed by Chris Rogers and seconded by Judith Rogers, was the only nominee. The President declared him elected.

Hon Treasurer – Derek Harbottle, who had been proposed by Chris Povey and seconded by Robert Cooles, was the only nominee. The President declared him elected.

Hon Assistant Secretary – there were no nominations.

In accordance with Rule 11 the retiring Officers continued in office until the business of the meeting was concluded.

The President thanked the Hon. Secretary for his work over the past year and announced that he had given notice that he would only continue for one more year. The Officers would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in the position.

13. Election of Independent Examiners

Jeremy Cheesman was proposed by Paul Flavell and seconded by Eric Godfrey. Richard Wallis was proposed by Bill Hibbert and seconded by Robin Grant. There being no other nominations, the President declared them elected.

14. Motions

(A) Reforming Committee Elections

Roger Bailey proposed:

That rolling elections be adopted for appointments to Committees by making the following rule changes:

That the first sentence of Rule 14(i) be amended to read:

'The Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint members to fill vacancies in an Administrative Committee and the permanent committees enumerated in paragraph (ii) of this Rule and shall appoint such other committees as are necessary to carry out the work of the Council'.

That Rule 14(i) be amended by adding the following new sentences after the end of the first sentence:

'At each Annual Meeting at least one-third of the elected members of the Administrative Committee and of each of the permanent committees enumerated in paragraph (ii) of this Rule shall retire. Retiring members who are still members of the Council shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment and are eligible for reappointment. If any members were appointed on the same day, those to retire shall be determined by lot unless they otherwise agree among themselves'.

That Rule 14(iii)(b) be amended to read:

'The Chairmen of Committees or their nominees,'

That Rule 14(iii)(c) be amended to read:

'Twelve elected members (chosen by ballot if nominations exceed the number of vacancies);'

That the second sentence of Rule 14(iv) be amended to read:

'Members shall be chosen by ballot if nominations exceed the number of vacancies.'

Roger referred to the paper sent to all members, in which it was proposed to replace the current triennial committee elections with

'rolling elections', in which one third of the members of each committee would be elected each year. This would spread the administrative load of elections, and increase both committee continuity and flexibility. This procedure was already used for Honorary Members and for directors of The Ringing World and the Ringing Foundation, being regarded as best practice by the Charity Commissioners. The paper gave the background to the proposal, discussed its expected advantages and addressed possible disadvantages. The Vice-President seconded.

In the discussion that followed queries were dealt with as they arose:

Robert Wood was basically in favour but asked how a committee of 5 would be dealt with: 2 would retire each year.

Michael Wilby suggested that the change might put pressure on Societies to elect members for a period other than 3 years: this was a matter for individual Societies.

Heather Peachey thought that the longest-serving third should retire: one-third had to retire, but some might be retiring anyway through natural wastage.

Derek Jones feared the new procedure would extend the voting for committees to every year: the time should balance out over the three years.

Peter Niblett asked the meaning of 'last appointment': when most recently appointed, i.e. that day.

Robert Perry was pleased to see the words 'shall retire' in the Motion; this should help new members to come on line more quickly: yes. (Applause).

Giles Blundell was in favour of the change but thought that the wording of the explanatory paper confusing; if that day's Motion was rejected, he urged the Administrative Committee to look at the wording again, because the principle was good: it was confirmed that much time had been devoted to getting the wording right.

Chris Mew fully supported but wanted to clarify that the tenure of office was 3 years: when a position was vacated it could be filled by the same person if re-elected.

John Thompson asked if co-opted members were there for the life of the committee: this was up to each committee, it was felt best not to complicate that day's Motion.

Summing up, Roger said that reform was overdue and urged members to show that the Council was capable of reform.

The Motion was carried overwhelmingly, only two members voting against.

(B) Merger of Committees

Phillip Barnes proposed:

That the Council's Rules be amended as follows:

In Rule 14 (ii) (d) change 'Peals Analysis' to 'Peal Records';

That Rule 14 (ii) (h) be deleted;

That Rules 14 (ii) (i) to (p) be renumbered (h) to (o);

In Rule 15 (v) change 'Records Committee' to 'Peal Records Committee' and add the sentence 'To prepare an analysis of and report on all peals published in *The Ringing World*;

That Rule 15 (vi) be deleted;

That Rules 15 (vii) to (xvii) be renumbered (vi) to (xvi).

Phillip explained that the work of the Peals Analysis Committee had been enhanced by peals.co.uk and therefore there was less work to do. It would still be necessary to keep an accurate record of ringing achievements, but the work was now so small as to enable this proposal to be brought forward. Richard Allton seconded.

The Motion to change the Rules was carried nem con.

The second part of the Motion was then put to the vote:

That the Council's Decisions on (D) Peal Ringing be amended as follows:

In Decision (D) para 2. condition (a), change 'Records Committee' to 'Peal Records Committee'.

In Decision (D) para 2. condition (c), change 'Records Committee' to 'Peal Records Committee'.

This was also carried.

15. Report of the Administrative Committee

(RW 25th April 2008, p470)

Adoption of the report was proposed by the Hon Secretary, who thanked Robert Lewis and *The Ringing World* staff for again producing an excellent Supplement. The Vice-President seconded and adoption of the report was agreed.

16. Committee Reports

(The reports were published in The Ringing World Supplement of 25th April 2008. The relevant page numbers are shown against each report).

(a) Towers and Belfries (p471)

In proposing the adoption of the report, Chris Povey thanked the bell-trade for its input to the work of the Committee. Referring to the paragraph in the report on bellrope manufacture, Chris noted production continued weekly with an improvement in the quality of polyester ropes; the manufacturer was willing to bring forward any order, where there was a genuine emergency. James Clarke seconded.

Andrew Mills commented that the ropes being produced were not lasting well, as the hemp was of a poorer quality and splicing with terylene appeared to be having an adverse effect.

Adoption of the report was then agreed.

The following were proposed, seconded and elected to serve on the Committee: Michael Banks, Peter Bennett, James Clarke, George Dawson, Adrian Dempster, Alan Frost, William Jones, David Kirkcaldy, Chris Povey, Andrew Preston, Adrian Semken, Bernard Stone and Jim Taylor. One vacancy was unfilled.

(b) Tower Stewardship (pp471-472)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Ernie Runciman, who confirmed that the further meeting with EIG had taken place and a report of this would be published shortly; and few societies had taken up the offer of cheaper Public Liability insurance. Robert Wood seconded.

Giles Blundell asked what action the Committee was taking on Child Protection in

view of Chris Mew's recent article in *The Ringing World*: Ernie replied that this matter was under active consideration.

Adoption of the report was then agreed.

The following six members were proposed, seconded and elected to serve on the Committee: David Burgess, Janet Edwards, Chris Mew, Christopher O'Mahony, Ernie Runciman and Robert Wood.

(c) Bell Restoration (pp472-473)

In presenting the report for adoption, Kate Flavell noted that a peal had been rung at Shottesbrooke in memory of Sir John Smith, in gratitude for all that he and the Manifold Trust had done in restoring unringable bells. Kate reported recent information that the Foundation for Sport and the Arts would not continue making grants after 2012: the latest date for applications was March 2009. Adoption of the report was seconded by Carol Hardwick and agreed.

The following nine members were proposed, seconded and elected to serve on the Committee: John Barnes, Ken Davenport, Kate Flavell, Carol Hardwick, Ian Oram, Laith Reynolds, Jackie Roberts, Robin Shipp and Peter Wilkinson. One vacancy was unfilled.

(d) Biographies (pp473-474)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Pat Halls and seconded by Jane Mason.

Michael Church pointed out that the office of President should be added to John Scott's record of membership. Andrew Wilby asked that the award of a CBE be added to Stan Mason's name. Frank Beech asked if there was any record of the expertise of members: Pat replied that the biography forms requested this information but that it was rarely supplied.

Adoption of the report was then agreed.

The following six members were proposed, seconded and elected to serve on the Committee: Pat Halls, Jenny Lawrence, Jane Mason, Margaret Oram, Dinah Rhymer and David Stanworth.

(e) Education (p474)

In proposing adoption of the report, Barrie Dove noted that the third NRT conference had been held recently; a regular series of articles on conducting was being planned, to replace *The Learning Curve*; and a new DVD training video was under consideration. Barrie thanked the outgoing chairman, John Harrison, for his leadership of the Committee over the past 15 years. John seconded.

Mike Winterbourne, the organiser of the Crowthorne course, asked whether the Committee had looked at arranging more courses, as both his and the Hereford courses were heavily over-subscribed. Barrie responded that a new course at Swanwick took place last year.

Adoption of the report was then agreed.

After Barrie had agreed to a committee of thirteen, the number of nominations received, the following members were proposed, seconded and elected to serve on the Committee: John Atkinson, Claire Bell, Peter Dale, Barrie Dove, Wendy Graham, Geoff Horritt, Catherine Lewis, Simon Linford, Heather Peachey, Pip Penney, Brian Sanders, David Strong and Jan Wyatt.

(f) Information and Communications Technology (pp474-475)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Mike Chester, who again thanked all those who had assisted in moving the server to Memset; the website was now very reliable. Mike Till seconded.

Roger Bailey commented that there was no mention of the Council meeting on the website. The Hon. Secretary said that was his fault, not any error on the part of the Committee.

Adoption of the report was then agreed.

The following five members were proposed, seconded and elected to serve on the Committee: Alan Chantler, Mike Chester, Geoff Emerson, Mike Till and Peter Trotman. One vacancy was unfilled.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.45 p.m. and resumed, after the Annual Meeting of *The Ringing World Limited*, at 2.52 p.m.

(g) Library (p475)

In proposing adoption of the report, Mike Davies referred to the section 'Plans for next year' and asked that the last sentence be deleted. The *Bell News* DVD was selling quite well. Chris Ridley was standing down from the Committee after 14 years, during many of which he had been Treasurer. John Eisel seconded.

Peter Wilkinson noted that Society libraries might contain items not in the Council's Library. John responded that catalogues of such libraries were collected; if they were updated, please send him a copy.

Adoption of the report was then agreed.

John gave the meeting notice that he would not be standing for re-election after this triennium.

Appointment of the Steward of the Library 2008-2011: John Eisel had been proposed by Chris Ridley and seconded by Bob Cooles. As there was no other nomination, the President declared him elected. In addition to the Steward, who is an *ex officio* member of the Committee, the following five members were proposed, seconded and elected to serve on the Committee: Stella Bianco, Mike Davies, Paul Johnson, Jean Sanderson and Ian Self.

(h) Methods (p475)

Adoption of the report was proposed by the Vice-President, who noted that new editions of Rung Surprise, Treble Dodging Minor methods and the Plain Minor collection were available. In seconding, Peter Niblett referred to the final paragraph of the report: many of the enquiries had been answered by the Vice-President, who had also been single-handedly responsible for producing many of the collections over the past years.

Barry Peachey asked why there was no comprehensive list of Doubles variations; the Vice-President responded that he had produced a list, which would be published when time allowed.

Adoption of the report was then agreed.

The following five members were proposed, seconded and elected to serve on the Committee: Roger Bailey, Peter Niblett, Philip Saddleton, Leigh Simpson and Robin Woolley. One vacancy was unfilled.

(i) Peal Compositions (pp475-476)

In proposing adoption of the report, Stuart Hutchieson thanked Don Morrison for many years' chairmanship. The report was seconded by Richard Allton and agreed.

The following eight members were proposed, seconded and elected to serve on the Committee: Richard Allton, Roger Bailey, Paul Flavell, Robin Hall, Stuart Hutchieson, Philip Larter, Philip Saddleton and John Thompson. One vacancy was unfilled.

(j) Peals Analysis (pp476-478)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Phillip Barnes, who noted that several peals rung during 2007 were published late; the revised total was 5100, of which 4436 were on Tower Bells and 664 in hand. In seconding, Tim Pett explained that the corrections to the Felstead database referred to peals before 1990; similar corrections were being made to Andrew Craddock's post-1990 work.

John Thompson suggested that Council made the wrong decision some years ago in permitting Variable Cover peals: should this decision be reversed? Phillip commented that this was not a matter for this Committee.

Adoption of the report was then agreed.

As the Council had decided earlier that day to merge this Committee with the Records Committee, no separate Committee needed to be elected.

(k) Records (pp479-480)

In proposing adoption of the report, Richard Allton thanked Frank Blagrove, who had been a member of the Committee since 1960 but was not standing for re-election. Mike Trimm seconded.

Barry Peachey asked why there was no record of first peals of Doubles variations: Richard responded that this was a matter of composition and therefore no record was necessary.

Adoption of the report was then agreed.

As a result of the approval of Motion B, the Committee would now be known as the Peal Records Committee and the following seven members were proposed, seconded and elected to serve on the Committee: Richard Allton, Alan Baldock, Phillip Barnes, Mark Bell, Ben Duke, Mike Trimm and Martin Turner.

(l) Public Relations (pp480-481)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Judith Rogers, who referred to the penultimate paragraph of the report, drawing attention to the skills needed by members of this Committee. Stef Warboys seconded and thanked Judith for being an excellent chairman.

Peter Dale thought that the CD was interesting but too long: an index to identify sections would be helpful. Judith responded that the CD had received two favourable reviews in *The Ringing World*; however they were open to receive comments and any changes would be honoured with free upgrades.

Anthony Lovell-Wood referred to recent correspondence in *The Ringing World* under the heading of 'Belfry Reform' and suggested that the clerical world needed educating. Judith commenting on this and other correspondence regretting the lack of input from a Clerical

Guild member, said that the Committee would be considering the matter.

Peter Dale, while congratulating the Roadshow team on its publicity, felt more should be done to attract the general public; Stef Warboys replied that all parishes within 50 miles of Stoneleigh were being targeted, as it was thought unlikely that non-ringers from further afield might attend.

Adoption of the report was then agreed.

The following nine members were proposed, seconded and elected to serve on the Committee: Peter Burgess, Bruce Butler, Alan Chantler, Chris Darvill, Beverly Faber, John Harrison, Christopher O'Mahony, Stef Warboys and Jane Wilkinson. Three vacancies were unfilled.

(m) Publications (pp481-482)

Adoption of the report was proposed by John Couperthwaite, seconded by Derek Jones and agreed.

The following six members were proposed, seconded and elected to serve on the Committee: Andrew Aspland, John Couperthwaite, Derek Jones, Julian Newman, Beryl Norris and Barbara Wheeler.

(n) Redundant Bells (pp481-483)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Jane Wilkinson, seconded by Bob Cooles and agreed.

The following six members were proposed, seconded and elected to serve on the Committee: the Revd John Baldwin, Bob Cooles, Alan Frost, Ian Hastilow, Julian Newman and Jane Wilkinson. One vacancy was unfilled.

The meeting adjourned for tea at 4.05 p.m. and resumed, after the Annual Meeting of The Ringing Foundation Limited, at 5.07 p.m.

(o) Ringing Centres (p483)

In proposing the adoption of the report, Gail Cater thanked those members who were not standing for re-election for their work on the Committee. Entries for the Founders Prizes were again few but of a continuing high standard: only two entries from ringing centres, the prize going to Prittlewell; and the prize for the Encouragement of Young People had been awarded to the West Lindsey Branch of the Lincoln Guild. Roger Booth seconded and adoption of the report was agreed.

The following members were proposed, seconded and elected to fill the eight places on the Committee: Christine Baldock, Alan Bentley, Roger Booth, Leslie Boyce, Gail Cater, Norman Mattingley, Barry Peachey and Heather Peachey.

(p) Ringing Trends (pp483-485)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Beryl Norris. She had noticed that chat-lists were declaring that 'ringing was in decline'; she firmly disagreed with this, explaining that ringing now took place amongst different age-groups; nevertheless there was always a need to train more people. An interesting statistic had emerged from the 4,693 replies received: that 52% of ringers attended church on a regular basis. Two additional charts were presented: one showed the age of current learners, with the majority under 12, the other the current situation with bands of ringers showing that the majority had unchanging numbers.

Alison Hodge seconded and made a plea for support for data to make comparisons with other organisations.

Both Brian Meads and John Harrison asked whether the results shown in the graphs were valid, without any authoritative back-up. Chris Rogers noticed that the latest chart on learners contradicted Fig. 4: Beryl explained that the returns of two societies had been added. Peter Bennett thought that the analysis of bands was misleading.

Andrew Wilby had supported the creation of the Committee and welcomed the work it was doing. However to better understand the data being collected, more statistical expertise needed to be recruited. The largest groups of ringers were in the 50-59 and over 60 ranges, therefore there would be a serious problem in 20-30 years' time. Simon Woof added that there was much work in collecting information, there were statistical people competent at analysing data.

Mike Till mentioned that the samples shown were not indicative of all counties.

Roger Booth asked if there were any plans to consult with other committees and *The Ringing World* and The Ringing Foundation to collect data; what data was available on teachers? – those teachers who were currently active would retire from teaching.

Beryl and Alison responded that the Committee would consult with other groups when further data was assembled. Last year's report had acknowledged that teachers were usually at the top end of age groups.

Adoption of the report was then agreed.

The following four members were proposed, seconded and elected to serve on the Committee: Stephen Elwell-Sutton, Alison Hodge, Beryl Norris and Mike Till. Two vacancies were unfilled.

The President thanked all committee members for their work for the Council, especially those not standing for re-election.

17.

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

(RW 25th April 2008, p485)

In proposing adoption of the report, Barry Ward acknowledged that most of the demonstration and maintenance work was done by Alan Berry. The report was seconded by Bob Cooles and agreed.

(b) Appointment of Stewards for 2008-2011

Alan Berry was proposed by Winnie Warwick and seconded by Carol Franklin. Barry Ward was proposed by Winnie Warwick and seconded by Carol Franklin. There being no other nominations, the President declared them both elected.

18.

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

(RW 25th April 2008, p485)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Andrew Stubbs, who reported that the third addendum had now been written up and was available for inspection that day. The Rolls

could now be viewed on the website – there was an amazing amount of information there. Laith Reynolds seconded and congratulated all involved for the work done. Adoption of the report was agreed.

(b) Appointment of Steward for 2008-2011

Alan Regin was proposed by the Hon. Secretary and seconded by Margaret Oram. As there was no other nomination, the President declared him elected.

19.

(a) Report of the Stewards of the Dove Database

(RW 25th April 2008, p486)

In proposing adoption of the report, the Revd John Baldwin noted that the hit-rate had peaked at 1034 in one day. The Stewards were continuing with their policy of updating facilities: postcodes were being provided for Health & Safety purposes. 40% of the entries had changed since Edition 9. Tim Jackson seconded and thanked John for all his work: John alone had made all the changes.

Jackie Roberts recalled that the Council had decided against proceeding with the National Bell Register; was Council money being spent on that work? John responded that any work was being continued on his own behalf at no cost to the Council.

Adoption of the report was then agreed.

(b) Appointment of Stewards for 2008-2011

The Revd John Baldwin was proposed by Michael Church and seconded by Bob Cooles. Tim Jackson was proposed by Michael Church and seconded by Pat Halls. As there were no other nominations, the President declared them both elected.

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

(a) Report and Accounts

(RW 25th April 2008, pp486-487)

Adoption of the report and accounts was proposed by Bob Cooles and seconded by the Revd John Baldwin.

Chris Rogers commented that there had been a dramatic fall in the cash balance and asked how an urgent request for new loans would be handled. John confirmed that prompt action would be taken to contact the many ringers who had previously provided loans on an interest-free basis.

Adoption of the report and accounts was then agreed.

(b) Motion:

Bob Cooles proposed and the Revd John Baldwin seconded:

That the Rules of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers Rescue Fund for Redundant Bells adopted on 29th May 1979 and revised on 26th May 1997 be amended as follows:

(a) existing clause 5(i) shall be deleted;

(b) existing clause 5(ii) shall be renumbered clause 5 and shall read:

'The Fund shall be administered by a Committee consisting of the members for the time being of the Central Council Committee for Redundant Bells who shall be the Trustees of the Fund'

(c) there shall be a new clause 7:

'There shall be an annual meeting of the members of the Fund which shall be held at the annual meeting of the Central Council and the President for the time being of the Central Council shall be invited to chair the meeting'

(d) existing clauses 7, 8 and 9 shall be renumbered 8, 9 and 10 respectively.

After Bob had explained that the purpose of the Motion was to simplify the structure by reducing the number of trustees, the Motion was carried nem con.

21. Appointment of the Administrative Committee.

The President stated that under Rule 14 (iii) the Committee comprised the Officers of the Council, the Chairmen of the other Committees, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Ringing World Limited (Jackie Roberts) and 12 elected members. During the tea-break the newly appointed Committees had elected their Chairmen or convenors, those so elected were announced:

Bell Restoration – Carol Hardwick
Biographies – Pat Halls
Education – Barrie Dove
Information and Communications Technology – Mike Chester
Library – Mike Davies
Methods – Peter Niblett
Peal Compositions – Paul Flavell
Peal Records – Phillip Barnes
Public Relations – Peter Burgess
Publications – John Couperthwaite
Redundant Bells – Bob Cooles
Ringing Centres – Gail Cater
Ringing Trends – Beryl Norris
Towers and Belfries – James Clarke
Tower Stewardship – Ernie Runciman

The following twelve members were proposed, seconded and elected: Roger Bailey, the Revd John Baldwin, Michael Church, Alan Frost, Robert Lewis, Anthony Lovell-Wood, Brian Meads, Angela Newing, Judith Rogers, Derek Sibson, David Sparling and Andrew Wilby.

22. Future meetings

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

2009 – Worcestershire & Districts Association
2010 – Derby Diocesan Association
2011 – Hereford Diocesan Guild
2012 – Chester Diocesan Guild

An invitation had been received from the Guildford Diocesan Guild for 2013; the meeting agreed that this should be accepted.

Alan Roberts outlined plans for the visit of the Council to Worcester in 2009.

Attendance

The Hon Secretary reported on attendance at the meeting as set out in the table below.

23. Other Business

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

Laith Reynolds gave notice of a motion to amend the Rules of the Council in respect of Honorary Members.

Janet Edwards drew attention to the Guide Centenary in 2010: there was over two years to train up Guides to ring at 20.10 on 20th October in that year.

The President felt that the image of the Council needed uplifting, particularly when the President attended other formal functions. Some years ago Laith Reynolds offered to present the metal for a badge of office and the President now wished to present the badge to the Council and accordingly he invested the Vice-President.

The Vice-President thanked the President for all his work for the Council during his tenure of office. (Applause). The President acknowledged, with particular thanks to all chairmen of committees.

Votes of Thanks

The President moved a comprehensive vote of thanks to all those involved in the Council's visit to Newcastle: to the organising committee of the Durham & Newcastle Diocesan Association: Yvonne Cairns, Ron Warford, Chris Richardson, Howard Smith, Barbara Wheeler, John and Jean Snook and Kris King for computer wizardry; and to all the members of the Association 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 Canon Robert Sage for the Songs of Praise service the previous afternoon in the Cathedral Church of St Nicholas; to all those involved in the organisation of the Sunday evening Reception and Dinner and especially the Bishop of Durham, the Right Revd Dr Tom Wright and the Lord Mayor of Newcastle, Councillor David Wood, for their welcome; to the Vicar of St John the Baptist, Newcastle, the Revd Neil Wilson, for the service of Holy Communion that morning; to the Civic Centre Manager, Trevor Milner and the Carillonneur, Doctor Ian Brunt for the visit to the carillon at the Civic Centre; and to the incumbents and ringers of the churches who had made their bells available to Council members.

The President declared the meeting closed at 6.27 p.m.

Summary of Attendance

	Members		
	Societies Present		Absent
Fully represented	43	137	-
Partly represented	19	39	18
Not represented	3	-	3
	65	176	21
Life Members		4	2
Honorary Members		17	1
		197	24



Central Council of Church Bell Ringers



Annual Report for 2008

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 The Cottage, School Hill, Warnham, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 3QN. The constitution and conduct of the Council is governed by its Rules.

2. The Council's Trustees during 2008 were as follows:

President	Until 26th May
Vice-President	Mr D E Sibson
Hon Secretary	Mr A P Smith
Hon Treasurer	Mr I H Oram
	Mr D Harbottle

President	From 26th May
Vice-President	Mr A P Smith
Hon Secretary	Mrs K Flavell
Hon Treasurer	Mr I H Oram
	Mr D Harbottle

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

4. At the close of the Annual General Meeting on 26th May 2008 the Council's membership comprised 6 Life Members, 18 Honorary Members and 197 Representative Members representing 65 affiliated societies. Since then 1 Representative Member has died and his vacancy has been filled; two other Representative Members resigned and their vacancies have not been filled; 6 Honorary Members retired and 11 who had been elected at that meeting took office; two vacancies in Representative Members have been filled and there has been one other change in representation. Subject to any further changes, at the start of the 2009 Council meeting there will be 6 Life Members, 23 Honorary Members and 197 Representative Members. There is one other vacancy.

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:

- To promote awareness of and educate the general public in the ringing of church bells and the art of change ringing;
- 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;
- To encourage development of the art of ringing through innovation;
- To bring together ringers to discuss matters of common interest and to represent ringers both nationally and internationally;
- To encourage high standards of performance in ringing;
- To recommend technical standards in change ringing and maintain such

records as may be necessary to uphold these standards;

- 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 2008 are given in the committee reports, which appear elsewhere on the Council's agenda and are being published in the 24th April 2009 issue of *The Ringing World*.

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

8. The Accounts for 2008 show Total Funds at the year-end of £355,921 of which £181,426 is in Restricted Funds. The income for the year totalled £76,675, compared with £43,702 in 2007. This increase reflects the income from the Ringing Roadshow held in September 2008, the net cost of this event was £3,793 see note 8 to the accounts. 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 2009, are available and are likely to be adequate to fulfil the object of the Council in that year.

10. Reserves policy:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

I H ORAM
Honorary Secretary

April 2009

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2008

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 exception of the valuation of the Library Collection.

A revaluation was due in 2008 but this has only recently been undertaken, these figures will be included in the accounts for 2009.

4 Funds

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

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

5 Transfers between Funds

There were no transfers between funds in the current year.

6 Tangible Assets and Intangible Assets

The major tangible assets of the Council are the Investments in National Savings Income Bonds, the Fred Dukes International Bell Fund, which is invested in a CAF Bank Limited Gold Account and the Library Collection. The Library Collection is valued at a replacement cost of £63,522. The revaluation was undertaken by J M Farrington as at December 2003 when the value was £67,600. The policy is to revalue the collection every five years. It is being depreciated for accounting purposes at 2% per annum. An asset register is maintained for other tangible assets. The policy is to treat assets of an individual cost up to £1,000 as fully depreciated in the year of purchase.

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

7 Interest Receivable

The interest was received from

	2008	2007
	£	£
National Savings	4,286	4,620
Investment Bonds		
Central Board of Finance of the		
Church of England Deposit	4,877	5,272
CAF Bank Limited Gold Account	3,727	3,809
Other banks	46	53
Total	12,936	13,754

8 Ringing Roadshow at Stoneleigh – September 2008

Income	Ticket sales	19,050	
	Exhibitors	9,856	
	Sponsorship	1,900	
	Other income	2,863	33,669
Expenditure	Stoneleigh venue hire	19,802	
	Stoneleigh other services		
	& equipment	9,237	
	Advertising		
	& postage	1,694	
	Tickets, wristbands		
	& printing	3,500	
	CCCBR committee costs	619	
	Other expenditure	2,610	37,462
Net cost			3,793

9 Committee Expenses – General Fund

These were as follows

	2008	2007
	£	£
Administrative	880	904
Bell Restoration	376	283
Biographies	12	16
Education	945	763
Information and Communications	397	446
Library	371	208
Public Relations	446	746
Redundant Bells	42	0
Ringing Centres	664	401
Ringing Centres conference	0	240
Ringing Trends	140	153
Towers & Belfries	472	293
Tower Stewardship	622	536
Roll of Honour Steward	300	0
Dove Steward	199	0
Total	5,866	4,989

10 Grants

The Fred Dukes International Bell Fund awarded two grants totalling £3,809. There were no grants paid during the year.

	Unpaid 1/1/2008	Awarded in 2008	Paid in 2008	Unpaid 31/12/2008
2006	2,750		0	2,750
2007	0			0
2008		3,809	0	3,809
Total	2,750	3,809	0	6,559

The Bell Restoration Fund did not award any grants in 2008. A total of six grants were paid in the year.

	Unpaid 1/1/2008	Awarded in 2008	Paid in 2008	Unpaid 31/12/2008
2004	2,900		-2,100	800
2005	6,200		-3,400	2,800
2006	0			0
2007	0			0
2008		0	0	0
Total	9,100	0	-5,500	3,600

11 Charitable Commitments

There were unfulfilled charitable commitments at 31st December 2008 in respect of three grants of £6,559 awarded but not yet paid by the Fred Dukes International Bell Fund, three grants totalling £3,600 awarded but not yet paid by the Bell Restoration Fund and one grant of £1,000 awarded but not yet paid from the General Fund.

12 Publications Fund

Storage and distribution cost of £2,000 was paid to Council members.

13 Payments to Trustees

There were no payments to Trustees.

14 Emoluments of Employees

The Council had no employees during the year.

15 Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (Millennium Grants) Limited

The company was formed in January 1997 to receive and distribute grants to bell projects from the Millennium Commission. Copies of the Annual Report are available from the Secretary.

Officers of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

President: Anthony P Smith

Vice-President: Kate Flavell

Hon. Treasurer: Derek Harbottle

Hon. Secretary: Ian H Oram,
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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Registered Charity Number 270036

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2008

	Note	General Fund £	Education Courses £	Bell Rest-oration Fund £	F Dukes Internat'al Bell Fund £	Public-ations Fund £	Library Fund £	Total Funds 2008 £	Total Funds 2007 £
Income and Expenditure									
Incoming resources:									
Affiliation fees		4,000						4,000	4,040
Subscriptions from Friends of Library							1,643	1,643	1,619
Interest receivable	7	7,014	46	775	3,727	756	618	12,936	13,754
Sales of publications, books and CDs		752	192			13,356	2,167	16,467	17,508
Sales of jigsaw puzzles				859				859	1,216
Sales of training video/dvd		202						202	154
Ringing Roadshow at Stoneleigh	8	33,669						33,669	0
Courses and seminars			200					200	2,711
Stock written back						1,919		1,919	1,201
Donations		827		3,858			95	4,780	1,499
Total incoming resources		46,464	438	5,492	3,727	16,031	4,523	76,675	43,702
Resources expended:									
Council meeting		2,010						2,010	2,007
Committee expenses	9	5,866				694		6,560	5,178
Council and other committee costs						225		225	229
Courses and seminars			160					160	3,058
Cost of publications sold						8,069		8,069	7,992
PR Posters/Leaflets		1,298	2					1,300	890
Library projects							0	0	4,284
Library maintenance							1,677	1,677	347
Grants	10			5,500	0			5,500	16,207
Ringing Roadshow at Stoneleigh	8	37,462						37,462	0
The Ringing Foundation - initial costs								0	500
Advertising						2,346		2,346	2,665
Storage and distribution						2,000		2,000	1,900
Stationery, postage & telephone		240				13	328	581	582
Insurance		1,364				645		2,009	2,033
President's badge		609						609	0
Stock written off and disposed of						638		638	1,124
Depreciation of Library Collection							1,282	1,282	1,307
Depreciation of shelving							106	106	106
Sundry expenses		15						15	75
Total resources expended		48,864	162	5,500	0	14,630	3,393	72,549	50,484
Net l/c resources before transfers		-2,400	276	-8	3,727	1,401	1,130	4,126	-6,782
Transfers between funds		0						0	0
Net movement in funds		-2,400	276	-8	3,727	1,401	1,130	4,126	-6,782
Balances at 1st January 2008		147,442	2,354	14,577	81,800	25,422	80,200	351,795	358,577
Balances at 31st December 2008		145,042	2,630	14,569	85,527	26,823	81,330	355,921	351,795

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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2008

	General Fund	Education Courses	Bell Rest-oration Fund	F Dukes Internat'al Bell Fund	Public-ations of Library Fund	Friends of Library	Total Funds 2008	Total Funds 2007
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets								
Tangible assets								
Investments at cost	90,000			78,968			168,968	169,050
Library Collection						63,522	63,522	64,805
Library shelving						1,590	1,590	1,696
Total fixed assets	90,000	0	0	78,968	0	65,112	234,080	235,551
Current Assets								
Stock					10,586	354	10,940	10,105
Debtors and prepayments	3,323				19	484	3,826	8,752
Cash on short term deposit and at bank	54,873	2,630	14,569	6,559	17,280	15,405	111,316	102,042
Total current assets	58,196	2,630	14,569	6,559	27,885	16,243	126,082	120,899
Current Liabilities								
Creditors								
Amounts due within one year	3,154				1,062	25	4,241	4,655
Net current assets	55,042	2,630	14,569	6,559	26,823	16,218	121,841	116,244
Total assets less current liabilities	145,042	2,630	14,569	85,527	26,823	81,330	355,921	351,795
Funds								
Unrestricted	145,042						145,042	147,442
Restricted			14,569	85,527		81,330	181,426	176,577
Designated		2,630			26,823		29,453	27,776
Total Funds	145,042	2,630	14,569	85,527	26,823	81,330	355,921	351,795

Derek Harbottle
Hon Treasurer April 2009

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.

Administrative Committee

Since the 2008 Council meeting the Committee has met twice in London, in October and March. The arrangements for the 2009 Council meeting were discussed and agreed; the Committee has continued its practice of reviewing the work of Council Committees and received presentations from the Committee for Redundant Bells and the Ringing Trends Committee.

From time to time the Committee is involved in matters specific to other Committees: in the past year this has included:

Child Protection – the Tower Stewardship Committee explained that the Child Protection issue would be critical in 2009 and would affect every ringer from October. Unlike the current situation where the Church and the Central Council had produced guidelines, from October legislation would be in force: the whole exercise must be made aware. Rather than being the subject of an Open Meeting, when the attendance might be low, and in view of the importance of the subject, it was agreed that the issue be considered within the Council meeting.

A draft paper was presented to the March meeting, when numerous queries were raised; various amendments to the paper were suggested and these, together with recent further Ministerial Statements, will be incorporated in a final version to be published in *The Ringing World* and circulated to all members.

Ringing Roadshow – in view of the substantial financial commitment of the Council to the staging of Roadshows, the Public Relations Committee gave a detailed report on the 2008 Roadshow and made recommendations for a future event: comments were made on these and the PR Committee will consider the matter further.

Library – at the Newcastle meeting the present Library Steward announced his intention to stand down at the end of the triennium. Attention turned, therefore, to finding a new location for the Library: ideally it should be near a centre of population, in the care of someone interested in bellringing literature. Some approaches had been made but further suggestions would be welcome; an article would appear in *The Ringing World* highlighting the problem.

The Committee considered the following items from the 2008 Council meeting:

Nominations for Secretary and Assistant Secretary – it will be seen from the meeting agenda that there are 2 nominations for the position of Secretary. No nominations for Assistant Secretary have been sought at this time, rather to allow the new Secretary to decide how the workload should be organised first.

Committee elections – at the March Committee meeting chairmen announced which members would be retiring under the new rule and proposed sizes of committees; a comment had been made that at Newcastle many committees were increased in size to agree with the number of nominations; it was agreed that in future there should not be any change to the

size at the Council meeting, unless there was a formal proposal to do so.

There had been some concern about the position of co-opted members, as it had not been mentioned in the rule change; the existing rule allowed up to two co-options. There is a Motion on the meeting agenda.

Recruitment of young ringers – several members had touched on this subject during the Newcastle meeting. The Council's role should be to gather information on best practice and promote that effectively. The Ringing Trends Committee had investigated other organisations and found that they had similar problems recruiting young people. Following discussion it was acknowledged that local initiatives seemed to be the most effective.

Other matters reported on included:

Register of members' interests – there was a perception of conflicts of interest for members who were members of, or had an interest in, the bell-trade. It was proposed to give guidance similar to the parliamentary model, in which an interest was declared but that was not a bar to contributing to any discussion. It was noted that the proposal was for guidance only and no rule change was contemplated; the meeting chairman would remind members at the start of the meeting. The guidance is included as an Appendix to this report.

Council Finances – although the deficit in the 2008 Accounts was mainly attributable to the Roadshow, the forecast for 2009 also anticipated a deficit, mainly due to the substantial reduction in interest rates currently available. The matter was given careful consideration and the Hon Treasurer will speak on this, after presenting the 2008 Accounts.

Church Buildings Council (formerly Council for the Care of Churches) – only one meeting had been held, awaiting the appointment of Janet Gough, the new Director of the Cathedrals and Church Buildings Division of the Archbishops' Council. It was noted that, arising from the new criteria for listing bells, the Churchcare website had been updated for 22 dioceses and work continued. The Heritage Protection Bill had been withdrawn but the Ecclesiastical Exemption remains, although subject to review. There would be another meeting for DAC Bell Advisers on 17th June, based on 2 churches in London where bell schemes were in progress.

English Heritage – one meeting has been held on 13th October. Four years after the CCCBR first raised the matter of recording bellframes, EH had now produced a draft specification: comments were being invited from the Towers and Belfries Committee and the CBC Bells Committee. There was some discussion of the methods of measuring tower sway; and it was noted that if there were to be on-site meetings to discuss specific problems, it was best for all interested parties to be present at the same time. At last a Consistory Court had been held to resolve the Great Malvern issue: the result has been widely reported. The next meeting was due to be held on 3rd April.

Ex officio:

TONY SMITH (*President*)

KATE FLAVELL (*Vice-President*)

DEREK HARBOTTLE (*Treasurer*)
IAN ORAM (*Secretary*)
PHILLIP BARNES (*Peal Records*)
MIKE CHESTER (*Information and Communications Technology*)
JAMES CLARKE (*Towers and Belfries*)
BOB COOLES (*Redundant Bells*)
JOHN COUPERTHWAITHE (*Publications*)
MIKE DAVIES (*Library*)
NEIL DONOVAN (*Public Relations*)
PAUL FLAVELL (*Peal Compositions*)
PAT HALLS (*Biographies*)
CAROL HARDWICK (*Bell Restoration*)
CATHERINE LEWIS (*Education*)
PETER NIBLETT (*Methods*)
BERYL NORRIS (*Ringing Trends*)
BARRY PEACHEY (*Ringing Centres*)
JACKIE ROBERTS (*The Ringing World*)
ERNE RUNCIMAN (*Tower Stewardship*).

Elected members:

ROGER BAILEY
JOHN BALDWIN
MICHAEL CHURCH
ALAN FROST
ROBERT LEWIS
ANTHONY LOVELL-WOOD
BRIAN MEADS
ANGELA NEWING
JUDITH ROGERS
DEREK SIBSON
DAVID SPARLING
ANDREW WILBY

Appendix

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

Within the Council conflicts of interest could arise, or be perceived to exist, where members have a financial or other business interest in an organisation that operates commercially within the arena of bellringing, hanging, manufacturing, restoration or maintenance, as well as others areas such as publishing or IT, referred to here as bell-related trades.

Having a business interest of this sort does not preclude Council members from being active in Council affairs. However, for the avoidance of any possible misunderstanding, members are asked to follow this guidance.

1. All Council members shall advise the Hon Secretary of any financial or other business interest they have in any organisation that operates commercially within 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 list of declared interests to the Council Officers. The Hon Secretary shall also advise relevant committee chairmen of disclosed interests of any members of their committees.
3. At any time during discussion of Council business, such as (but not limited to) the Council's annual meeting or committee meetings, members with such interests shall notify or remind others present of their interest before they make their first contribution to any discussion on that occasion.

4. At any time a committee chairman has a concern over a conflict of interest within the committee, this shall be referred to the Council President for assistance as to how to proceed. Similar referral shall be made to the President by any Council member with any concern about conflicts of interest of any Council member or officer.

Tower Stewardship Committee

The Committee has met four times this year.

The main work of the Committee has been towards greater understanding of the implications of the new Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups legislation, which for England and Wales, will become law this coming October. This legislation, which in some senses making the understanding of who does and does not need CRB checking easier, now lays down very specific legal responsibilities for groups and organisations (including churches and ringing societies) who work with vulnerable groups (for example children). The Committee has made contact with the responsible department within the UK government, to establish a dialogue. We have also had contact with various church authorities to discuss the subject. As such, we believe we now have a good understanding of how the implementation of this Act will impinge on the activities of bell ringers. The Committee will be making a presentation on this subject at the Worcester Council meeting in May, and further publicity related efforts will follow later in the year.

We have a brief to keep a watching eye on any legislation that may affect the management of church bell towers. Apart from the SVG Act above, there has been little new of changed legislation recently to affect ringers. We have revised and re-issued our guidance notes that cover a number of subjects. Because of the possible fluid nature of the subjects these notes cover, it was decided some years ago not to issue them in paper form, but to use the power of the internet to deliver up-to-date information. However, we still felt the need to get a paper copy of our summary leaflet into every tower in the country. Here we asked territorial societies to distribute this leaflet for us, and most societies were very receptive and keen to help the Council in this important work.

The Committee has offered advice to a number of towers on such subjects as child protection, noise abatement regulations, dealing with complaints and how to complete risk assessments.

The Committee was represented at the Ringing Roadshow, hard copies of the summary leaflet and guidance notes were handed out and many questions answered.

The Committee is always willing to share information on these various subjects, and is willing to attend society meetings, etc. to give presentations on them.

ERNIE RUNCIMAN (*Chairman*)
DAVID BURGESS
JANET EDWARDS
CHRIS MEW
CHRISTOPHER O'MAHONY
ROBERT WOOD

Biographies Committee

The remit of this Committee is to obtain information about the ringing careers of past and present Central Council members. This forms a significant part of the history of the Council; it would be sad if ringers could not look back and find interesting details of some of the illustrious ringers who have shaped the way in which ringing has developed through the years and put in a lot of work to help that development. So the Committee has two tasks: one is to obtain the information in the first place and the second is to record the salient points of each member's ringing career on a page in one of a series of books. It is much easier – not to mention less embarrassing – to acquire the information while the ringer concerned is still alive and well. However, that is not as simple as it sounds: first one has to make contact with the person concerned. Some Society secretaries could not be more helpful in this respect; others do not have the information or state that the Data Protection Act prevents them from passing on any means of contact to a third party. Once we have contact details, it is easy to write or email – and some ringers are wonderful! They reply fairly soon and give plenty of useful information. Others don't ...

To give some idea of where the Committee is up to at the end of January 2009: we have forms completed this century from 169 current members, old forms from 27 members and no forms at all from 33 members. As far as former members are concerned we have up to date forms from 208 people, old forms from 164 and no forms at all from 83. Some of the old forms are very old – 1950s and 1960s! So it is easy to appreciate that writing biographical records from such out of date information is no straightforward task!

There is quite a backlog of biographical records to write up and several Committee members have been making inroads into this work during the course of this year. One Committee member has been collecting information from *The Ringing World* each week and another member has been compiling a booklet of all the Council members since the formation of the Council.

I would like to end this report by thanking all those people who have responded to our requests for biographical information and by pleading with those who have not yet done so to fill in their forms and return them to me as soon as possible.

The following former members died in earlier years but their deaths have not been previously notified to the Council:

Frederick Dudley Teague, Truro Diocesan Guild, 1948-1950, attended 1 meeting, died in 1991.

Edric John Franklin, Railwaymen's Guild, 1967-1977, attended 10 meetings, died in June 2002.

The deaths of the following former members have already been reported to the Council:

Shirley Maureen Drew (née Parsons), Honorary Member 1971-1982, attended 7 meetings, died on 1st February 2008.

Alan Carveth, Truro Diocesan Guild, 1956, attended 1 meeting, died 16th April 2008.

Martin Daniel Fellows, Worcestershire & Districts Association, 1972-1986, attended 15 meetings, died 28th April 2008.

Brian Ernest Jeffery, East Grinstead & District Guild, 1966-1968, attended 1 meeting, died 13th May 2008.

The following member and former members have died since the last meeting:

William Frederick Gibbons, Chester Diocesan Guild, 1983-1984, attended 2 meetings, died 21st June 2008.

Donald Edwin Richard Knights, Ely Diocesan Association, 1960, attended 1 meeting, died 7th August 2008.

Frederick Morgan Mitchell, Shropshire Association, 1978 to date, attended 30 meetings, died 10th August 2008.

Jean Agnes Darmon (née Southerst), Southwell Diocesan Guild, 1949-1950, attended 1 meeting, died 22nd August 2008.

Gordon Charles Briggs, Derby Diocesan Association, 1948-1950, attended 3 meetings, died 15th September 2008.

Ernest Frank Willcox, Shropshire Association, 1966-1971, attended 1 meeting, died 20th December 2008

PAT HALLS (*Chairman*)
JENNY LAWRENCE
JANE MASON
MARGARET ORAM
DINAH RHYMER
DAVID STANWORTH

Education Committee

The Committee met three times at Wellesbourne, Warwickshire. After the 2008 meeting the Committee had thirteen members, but sadly David Strong has had to resign. Many thanks to him for his contribution. The remaining six new members of the Committee elected at Newcastle are settling in well. Under the new voting arrangements the four longest serving members will be retiring, and most of them will be available for re-election.

Courses – The Committee continues to deliver courses for local societies – the new Listening Course is the most popular. The e-mail mentoring scheme for conductors to develop their skills is maintaining its level of support and proving to be very worthwhile.

Publications and Resources – Pip Penney's book *Teaching Unravelling* was published in a very short time frame by the Publications Committee to enable it to be on sale at the Roadshow. It is proving to be very popular. The *New Ringers Handbook* has been slightly delayed due to revisions and the need to repeat some of the photographs, however we are hoping it will be on sale later this year. The *Ringing Practice Toolkit*, which is normally offered on-line from our pages on the CC website, was available on disc at the Roadshow, and proved so popular that we had to have a further 200 discs made up overnight. Simon Linford's series of articles on conducting published in *The Ringing World* is attracting much positive feedback.

Simulator – Loan of the Bagley simulator continues but at a low level. It may be borrowed for evaluation, or for training courses, by contacting the Secretary, Geoff Horritt.

Network for Ringing Training (NRT) – Membership remains at about 500, with a goodly percentage using this discussion list. A more practical conference is envisaged in the future.

Belfry Forums – The new “Belfry Forums” launched at the Roadshow have taken off well with about 150 members using the many topics on this site to their advantage.



Teach the Teachers, Sidmouth, February 2008

Roadshow – We had a prominent stand which we ran in conjunction with the Ringing Centres Committee. This “PDZ” (Personal Development Zone) proved to be very popular. Particularly pleasing was the visitors’ enthusiasm for the “Wombel”, which had been kindly lent by David Horrocks, and the popularity of the one-to-one training sessions both at local towers and on the mini ring.

New training DVD – We have an outline for a new DVD on teaching bell handling. There will be considerable development costs and so we are hoping to receive funding from the Ringing Foundation.

CATHERINE LEWIS (*Chairman 2009*)
BARRIE DOVE (*Chairman 2008*)
JOHN ATKINSON
CLAIRE BELL
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WENDY GRAHAM
GEOFF HORRITT
SIMON LINFORD
HEATHER PEACHEY
PIP PENNEY
BRIAN SANDERS
JAN WYATT

Information and Communications Technology Committee

We remain indebted to Aidan Hopkins for his work on our move to the latest web services provider and coping with a number of availability problems in the first quarter of 2008. He has also put in a lot of effort to resolve various kinds of email problems.

During the summer Aidan was instrumental in helping Heather Peachey implement the Belfry Forums bulletin board system which was launched at the Roadshow in September. At times his responsiveness has been inhibited due to lack of available time and we are exploring the possibility of providing him with backup in his all-important role of server administrator. We will have two vacancies on the Committee at the AGM and would

welcome expressions of interest in joining the Committee from those with the necessary website management skills. We would also welcome offers of assistance from ringers that are not members of Council, but who would be willing to offer their services as a consultant to this Committee.

Significant progress has been made with the addition of the Rolls of Honour to the website based on the continuing research and photography by Alan Regin, the Steward. Alan demonstrated the Great War 1914-1918 section live and online at the Ringing Roadshow in September. The number of photographs continues to grow with more to follow. The initial publication of the WW2 section is likely by the time this report is published.

Andrew Craddock continued to provide technical support for the Felstead database during 2008 and to add recently published peals. An enhancement has been to show invalid peals, i.e. false, hoax and other non acceptable peals in a different list for each tower. A major task for 2009 is to ensure that all method names on the Felstead database are valid and to provide Tim Pett with the facility to amend data on the website.

Mike Till continues to be a link person between this Committee and the Felstead database, with the aim of assisting in the upgrading of the data it holds.

Alan Chantler has required four serious operations during this year and this has obviously curtailed his involvement to a degree. We hope that he continues to make steady progress in the coming months.

We are grateful for continued technical support and advice from Tina Stoecklin and Don Morrison when available.

We are grateful for Frank Lewis’s contributions to the maintenance and expansion of the Education Committee’s section of the website for several years. Following his retirement from the Council last year this role has been taken over by Claire Bell whose initial project is the provision of support from the Council website for the Conductor Mentoring programme.

Geoff Emerson joined the Committee at the AGM. Sadly, he is unable to continue working with us due to increased work commitments. We thank him for the tasks he was able to help us with during the year.

MIKE CHESTER (*Chairman*)
ALAN CHANTLER
GEOFF EMERSON
MIKE TILL
PETER TROTMAN

Library Committee

Those who were present at the Council Meeting in 2008 will know that at the end of the meeting Dr John Eisel reported that he was giving three years’ notice that he would be retiring from his position as Steward of the Library. While this came as a considerable shock, the fact that John gave such a long notice should give the Committee plenty of time to find a new Steward. Discussions within and out with the Committee have not yet identified a possible successor for John. The

Library is of great importance for the world of bell ringing, in that it sets out to preserve the ringing past and by doing so enhances the ringing present. If anyone reading this is interested in taking over from John and has a love of books and the space to house them, then please contact John Eisel.

Although it has been inevitable that over the last year the Committee has been somewhat engrossed in the subject of a successor for the Library, nevertheless, its work continues. The Committee benefited this year from the election of two new members: Stella Bianco and Ian Self. Both of these have turned out to be worthy successors of Chris Ridley and Michael Williams. Chris, a long-time member of the Committee was particularly missed, though Ian Self was a worthy successor as the treasurer.

Following two successful advertisements in *The Ringing World* at the end of 2008, *The Bell News* DVD, which contains reproductions of all the pages of *The Bell News* (a forerunner of *The Ringing World*), was offered for sale. 132 discs had been sold up to March 2009, each containing a fascinating glimpse of bell ringing in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries. The Ringing Roadshow in September 2008 proved to be a valuable venue for the sale of both the DVD and recruitment of new Friends of the Library. Work on the Obituary Index continues and we can report that the project has been given something of a boost by the very welcome assistance of Alan Ellis who has provided 1998 to 2007 data. The data for the year 1998 were compared with information in that year’s *Ringing World* allowing place names to be associated with the deceased. A similar search of all *Ringing World* issues for 1999 to 2007 will now be carried out.

Routine maintenance of the Library never ceases and neither does the receipt of bell ringing literature, nor do less interesting features of library maintenance, such as binding volumes of magazines, e.g. *The Ringing World*. Also, this year a duplicate set of bound *Bell News* was transferred to the Truro Diocesan Guild on a long-term loan.

The annual newsletter for the Friends of the Central Council Library was issued as usual, together with the Library Steward’s annual Essay on a bibliographic topic, that for 2008 being the fifteenth in the series. He also helps to support *The Ringing World* by publishing regular articles, using material from the library as well as his own researches. To mark John’s retirement from the post of Library Steward, the Committee is considering publishing a collection of these articles, possibly including the Essays, and it is worth noting that in the last 10 years he has supplied at least 55 articles to *The Ringing World* on a wide variety of topics. The Committee is also actively pursuing the possibility of issuing the first thirty years of *The Ringing World* on CD or DVD, and much preliminary work has been already carried out by Paul Johnson.

MIKE DAVIES (*Chairman*)
STELLA BIANCO
JOHN EISEL
PAUL JOHNSON
JEAN SANDERSON
IAN SELF

Methods Committee

The Methods Committee held two meetings during the year, in Winchester on March 2nd (*RW* p.658) and in Whitchurch Hants on November 8th.

New editions of three Method Collection publications were made available during the year. They were the 3rd edition of *Plain Minor Methods*, the 3rd edition of *Treble Dodging Minor Methods* and *Rung Surprise, Delight, Treble Bob and Alliance Methods* containing methods rung to the end of 2007. The XML Method format specification was finalised and work continued on preparing a new edition of the *Collection of Doubles Methods*.

The Committee continued to update the method pages for the *Ringing World Diary*, concentrating on improvements to the legibility of the method diagrams. We are grateful to Martin Bright for allowing us to use his method printing software, and for extending it to draw the shaded vertical guides that feature in the 2009 *Diary*.

The Committee ran a stand at the 2008 Ringing Roadshow at Stoneleigh, demonstrating method collections and answering questions on method naming and construction. We were a bit disappointed that the stand seemed to attract fewer visitors than we had had at the previous Roadshow in Newbury. In part this could have been due to its location, but we have also considered ways in which we could make the stand more attractive in the future.

We have continued to answer enquiries about methods, method names and method extension and the new email address methods@ccbr.org.uk is seeing increasing use.

Tony Smith and Philip Earis left the Committee at the Council meeting. We would like to thank them for their contributions to the Committee and welcome Leigh Simpson who was elected in their place. In particular we would like to thank Tony for his 27 years' work for the Committee and we are grateful to him for continuing to update the on-line method collections at www.methods.org.uk on a weekly basis.

PETER NIBLETT (*Chairman*)
ROGER BAILEY
PHILIP SADDLETON
LEIGH SIMPSON
ROBIN WOOLLEY

Peal Compositions Committee

The Committee held its first face to face meeting for some time at the Stoneleigh Ringing Roadshow and agreed a program of work for the following year.

The online collection <http://ringing.org/main/pages/peals> continues to be updated regularly with the latest innovative compositions, and now contains over 10,000 compositions on all numbers from 5 to 16 bells. It is a valuable resource for conductors looking for a composition to suit their needs.

Composition pages appear regularly in *The Ringing World*. More pages are in the process of being set for publication, and we are also working on columns of quarter peals and special compositions e.g. date lengths.

The Stedman compositions collection has been drafted and will be ready for publication in 2009. This includes compositions from Cateters to Sextuples.

The Committee members are happy to answer technical questions on composition raised by ringers and also advise on the generation, proof and authenticity of compositions. The Ringing Roadshow stand proved to be a good interface with composers interested in discussing and publishing compositions and a number of useful contacts were established.

A motion will be put forward to rename The Peal Compositions Committee as The Compositions Committee so that the Committee remit can include touches and quarter peals.

Current projects in the pipeline include the following

- Handbell collection
- Update of *Collection of Popular Major Methods*

PAUL FLAVELL (*Chairman*)
RICHARD ALLTON
ROGER BAILEY
ROBIN HALL
STUART HUTCHIESON
PHILIP LARTER
PHILIP SADDLETON
JOHN THOMPSON

Peal Records Committee

This is our first report following the amalgamation of the former Peals Analysis and Records Committees at the last Council meeting. Following the meeting we co-opted Tim Pett to ensure continuity of the work on the Felstead peals database. We have met on three occasions since the Committee was formed in order to plan our work, and to ensure continuity. We continue to produce an analysis of peals published in *The Ringing World*, a record of all first peals in methods and a list of record length peals. In addition we are responsible for the maintenance and updating of the Felstead database. All of these aspects of our work have been maintained, and we have made progress on improving the timeliness of dealing with corrections to the Felstead database. Alan Baldock has led this work. We are hoping next year to make progress on collecting the compositions for first peals in methods. This is one of the parts of our joint remit that has fallen into abeyance in recent years.

The Peals Analysis

We have recorded a total of 4898 peals rung in 2008 and published in *The Ringing World*, of which 4210 were on tower bells and 688 on handbells. The revised total for 2007 was 5107 – making a net reduction of 209. The reduction was largely due to a reduction in tower bell peals of both Minor and Major compared to 2007. Full details are included in the methods table that accompanies this report. The Oxford Diocesan Guild remains the leading society with 359 peals (26 less than in 2007), followed by the Yorkshire Association with 317. Seventeen societies rang 100 or more peals in 2008 compared with 20 in 2007. Please see the separate table for details of peals rung for individual societies.

Record Peals

Although there were a number of peals of over 10,000 changes in 2008, there was only one record peal, of 10640 Double Bob Major for the Yorkshire Association.

Peals not complying with the Decisions on Peal Ringing

We have identified no peals published in *The Ringing World* as peals that do not comply with Decision D (Parts A-D) relating to peal ringing. A letter from the President of the Central Council appears elsewhere (*RW* p.326) commenting on corrections necessary for peals of Doubles to conform to reporting rules. All have been included in the Analysis.

A single peal was rung with a variable cover during the year, of Doubles and Minor in 7 methods. We doubt the benefit of continuing to identify these peals specifically (moreover we believe some peals of variable cover have been rung and not identified as such in peal reports, rendering the requirement futile) and shall not continue to do so unless the Council wishes us to.

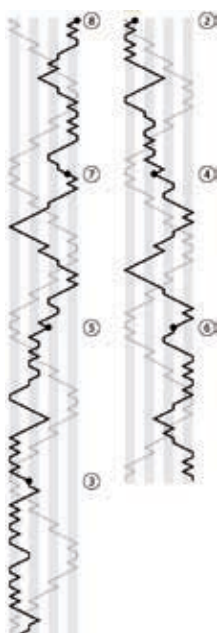
Methods and change on year

The accompanying table incorporates a summary of the more popular methods with an analysis of the year on year change in the numbers of peals rung on each number of bells. All individual methods where 15 or more peals were rung in 2008 are included. Followers of fashion will note that Ealing S Major joins, and Cornwall and Uxbridge S Major leave the table as does Alliance Major as a separate category. An 'Other' category is included for completeness.

A total of 249 methods were rung to peals for the first time in 2008 (3 of these were rung in hand). A further 18 methods that had been rung previously on tower bells were rung in hand for the first time – including Scientific Triples, a significant achievement. One interesting statistic is that 1 in 20 of all peals was the first in its method.

A number of whole peals in single Doubles variations have been published in recent years, and noted to be "first in the variation". While this may be true in each case we do not keep records of peals in Doubles variations since they are not the first in their parent method.

A list of the new methods and when they were rung is included alongside our report.



Glasgow Surprise Major

Towers

The following 76 towers had 10 or more peals in 2008: (78 in 2007)

- 63 Meldreth
- 49 Thorverton
- 41 Leeds (RC Cath)
- 39 Oxford (St Thomas)
- 38 Huntsham
- 36 Burnley (St Peter)
- 36 Loughborough (Bell Foundry)
- 33 Bishopstoke (St Mary)
- 30 Marston Bigot (Pig le Tower)
- 28 Rotherham (All Saints)
- 27 Shoreditch
- 26 Ipswich (Old Stoke), Milton (Oxon), Oxford (St Mary Magd)
- 25 Belper (St Peter)
- 24 Amersham, East Ilsley
- 23 Keele (Woodlands)
- 20 Maidstone (All Saints)
- 19 Birmingham Cathedral, Birmingham (St Paul), Maidstone (St Michael), Sproxtton
- 18 York (St Lawrence)
- 17 Leicester (St Mary-de-Castro), Westminster (St Clement Danes)
- 16 Burghill, New York, Spitalfields, Windsor (St John)
- 15 Blackburn Cathedral, Hanbury (Worcs), Isleworth, Sheffield (Dore)
- 14 Bishopsteignton (Bishops Ting Tong), Campton, Lundy Island, Saltby, Walworth
- 13 Burton Latimer, Withycombe Raleigh, Halifax (St John), Liverpool (Garston), Newcastle Cathedral, Terling, Walkden
- 12 Bristol Cathedral, Exeter (Pinhoe), Harrogate (St Wilfrid), Middleton (Gtr Man), South Petherton, Stratton St Margaret
- 11 Bishopstoke (Campanile), Bristol (St Stephen), Bushey, South Croydon, Grundisburgh, Handsworth, London (Cripplegate), Newcastle upon Tyne (St John), Southampton (Bitterne Park), Towcester, Whitley Bay, Willingham (Millcroft Campanile)
- 10 Aldeburgh, Barton Seagrave, Birmingham (Harborne), Edinburgh (St Cuthbert), Elstow, Heywood, Hughenden, Northallerton, Rothwell (N'hants), Swindon (St Mark), Warwick (St Nicholas), West Bridgford

First pealers and firsts as conductor

There were 178 first pealers in 2008 (154 in 2007) and 29 firsts as conductor (32 in 2007). We congratulate all those involved in these performances, particularly where several firsts were included in one peal. We are pleased to note that the number of first pealers has shown a modest increase after several years of decline. We hope this new trend will continue.

Corrections to the 2007 Analysis

There are a number of alterations to the 2007 Analysis due to late publication as detailed below.

Corrections relate to tower bells except where specified.

ASCY	Major +1, Major (h'bells) +1
Bath & Wells	Major +1, Royal +1, Cinques +1, Maximus +1
SRCY	Caters +1
Lincoln	Minor +1
Oxford Society	Minor +1, Major +2, Caters +1, Royal +1
Winchester & Portsmouth	Minimus +1, Major +3, Caters +1
Non-Affiliated	Minor -1, Caters +1, Royal +1

The amended methods analysis for 2007 is shown in the 2008 methods table, which forms part of this report. Revised totals for 2007 are: tower bells 4446, handbells 661, total 5107.

Details of the adjustments are available from the Chairman.

The Felstead Project

The committee continues to receive 2-3 corrections per week for the Felstead database and there is no sign of this work on correcting and updating the data reducing. There are concerns that the systems for processing these data are not as slick and secure as they might be. We are therefore working with Andrew Craddock, who hosts the Felstead database on the Council's behalf, to streamline these processes.

We need to ensure that the processes are robust before we proceed to the next step of a comprehensive peals database. We are, however, also exploring the requirements for such a database – concentrating on how to adequately track corrections and how to cope with the uncertainty inherent when dealing with very old peal records. This will allow the design of a database appropriate to the task that ringers and historians expect of it.

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First peals in methods rung on Tower Bells

January		
1 5088	Vale of Evesham S Major	Worcs & District A
2 5152	Quandary S Major	Lincoln DG
4 5024	High Neb S Major	Yorkshire A
7 5088	Sourpuss S Major	St James' G
10 5040	Fisher D Royal	Lancashire A
12 5184	St John the Baptist S Major	Bath & Wells DA
14 5184	Cold Fish S Major	St James' G
15 5088	Stourhead S Major	St James' G
17 5042	Highclere Church S Maximus	Oxford DG
17 5024	Overtown S Major	Glos & Bris DA
19 5040	Huntspill B Triples	Bath & Wells DA
19 5040	Stranton D Royal	G Devonshire Ringers
21 5024	Winchmore Hill S Major	St James' G
22 5120	Danethorpe D Royal	S'well & Nottm DG
26 5088	Quatermass S Major	Oxford DG
26 5088	X-ray S Major	Oxford DG
27 5040	Burgh S Minor	Suffolk G
27 5040	Eskimo Nebula D Royal	Lancashire A
28 5056	Scunthorpe S Major	St James' G
28 5024	Henlow D Major	Beds Assoc
February		
2 5088	Oare S Major	Glos & Bris DA
2 5080	Hebden Bridge S Royal	Lancashire A
2 5088	Albert Road S Major	SRCY
3 5088	Yaffle S Major	Oxford DG
6 5024	Flowers of Manchester S Major	Yorkshire A
6 5152	Kakapo S Major	Lincoln DG
7 5000	German Bight D Royal	Lancashire A
10 5056	Kornwall S Major	Yorkshire A
11 5088	Jellied Eel S Major	St James' G
11 5088	High Willhays S Major	G Devonshire Ringers
14 5152	The Warrant D Major	S'well & Nottm DG
15 5088	Kunzite S Major	Glos & Bris DA
21 5040	Wadworth 6X S Royal	Oxford DG
21 5088	Savernake Forest S Major	Glos & Bris DA
23 5040	Crowder S Royal	Chester DG
23 5056	Burderop S Major	Glos & Bris DA
23 5376	St Crewenna S Major	Truro DG
29 5184	Intercalary S Major	Glos & Bris DA
29 5152	Toppesfield S Major	Essex A
March		
1 5024	Terrible Towel TB Major	NAG
5 5088	Orsett D Major	Yorkshire A
8 5088	Piddinghoe S Major	Sussex CA
9 5024	Eton College B Major	Middx CA & Lon DG
9 5056	Woodhouse S Major	Yorkshire A
10 5024	The Bench S Major	St James' G
13 5088	Shefford S Major	SRCY
13 5056	Hackpen S Major	Glos & Bris DA
13 5184	Humber Little D Royal	Lancashire A
15 5088	Old Moore's S Major	Oxford DG
16 5056	Quintessential S Major	Glos & Bris DA
16 5088	Quicklime S Major	Oxford DG
17 5040	Plain B Septuples	Win & Ports DG
22 5088	Chafy Crescent S Major	Kent CA
23 5040	St Thomas's B Triples	Bristol Soc
24 5120	Danelaw S Royal	Win & Ports DG
24 5080	Eanam Wharf D Royal	Yorkshire A
25 5152	Bon Jovi D Major	Yorkshire A
25 5040	Youlthorpe D Royal	S'well & Nottm DG
28 5040	Newark PI Doubles	Barrow & District Soc
29 5088	Stretton S Major	Leicester DG
31 5088	Swallow S Major	St James' G
April		
1 5088	Hainton D Major	S'well & Nottm DG
2 5056	Brownie Dyke S Major	Yorkshire A
7 5088	Muppet Show S Major	St James' G
7 5056	Grantley Hall S Major	Yorkshire A
8 5088	Swervin' Mervyn's D Major	G Devonshire Ringers
11 5040	Pythagorean B Triples	Ely DA
12 5040	Rams Head S Royal	Leicester DG
12 5056	JB D Major	Bath & Wells DA
13 5024	Oslo S Major	Bath & Wells DA
14 5040	Toccata B Triples	Ely DA
14 5056	Freshbrook S Major	Glos & Bris DA
15 5056	Chippinghurst S Major	Oxford DG
15 5088	Quodlibet S Major	Yorkshire A
17 5040	Old Bill D Royal	G Devonshire Ringers
17 5056	Lockeridge S Major	Glos & Bris DA
17 5120	Thames D Royal	Lancashire A
17 5088	Marley's Ghost S Major	Oxford DG
19 5088	Celebration S Major	St James' G
21 5088	Leavesden S Major	St James' G
21 5088	Pit Bull S Major	St James' G

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22 5120 Ullesthorpe D Royal S'well & Nottm DG
 24 5056 Garsden S Major Glos & Bris DA
 25 5152 Zauner D Major D&N DA
 25 5088 Eastcott S Major Glos & Bris DA
 26 5056 Barleycroft TB Major Hertford CA

May

2 5040 Stapleton S Royal Lancashire A
 2 5040 Rondo B Triples Ely DA
 3 5040 Maryland D Minor NAG
 9 5152 Bolonium S Major Glos & Bris DA
 10 5040 Nordfeld D Royal St Martin's G
 10 5184 Turners Hill S Major Sussex CA
 12 5088 Ramsbottom No S Major ASCY
 14 5024 Asti D Major Lancashire A
 15 5088 Theobald's Green S Major Glos & Bris DA
 16 5024 Billy Mill S Major D&N DA
 17 5152 Gbisdie D Major Lich & Dist S
 18 5040 Flaming Star Nebula S Royal Lancashire A
 21 5040 Bakerloo B Triples Ely DA
 22 5056 Dover Little D Royal Lancashire A
 23 5056 Old Codgers S Major Essex A
 24 5040 Little Orchard B Triples Bath & Wells DA
 24 5056 Holdcroft S Major Glos & Bris DA
 26 5040 Wordsley S Royal ASCY
 27 5120 Vale of Belvoir D Royal S'well & Nottm DG
 30 5040 Piccadilly B Triples Ely DA
 30 5024 East Crompton S Major Lancashire A
 30 5184 Chatto Chesnaie S Major G Devonshire Ringers
 31 5040 Subfusc D Royal Oxford Soc

June

1 5152 Octarine S Major SRCY
 6 5120 Inmarsh S Major Glos & Bris DA
 8 5024 Helsinki S Major Bath & Wells DA
 9 5040 Spin Dryer Little A Major Non-Association
 12 5088 Rider D Major SRCY
 14 5056 Manton S Major Glos & Bris DA
 15 5040 Little B Sixteen Win & Ports DG
 19 5088 Trowse D Major SRCY
 19 5088 Courage Directors S Major Oxford DG
 24 5088 Ashmere S Major Hertford CA
 25 5120 Dodd Fell D Major Yorkshire A
 26 5088 Xagar S Major Oxford DG
 26 5040 Wight D Royal Lancashire A

July

3 5152 Hollinside D Major S'well & Nottm DG
 4 5152 New Bridge D Major Yorkshire A
 5 5056 Dewdrop S Major Yorkshire A
 6 5376 Kobenhavn S Major Bath & Wells DA
 7 5088 Christ Church Primary School 300 D Major SRCY
 13 5056 Jaundiced TB Major NAG
 17 5056 Beckhampton S Major Glos & Bris DA
 18 5024 Jasonville S Major Ely DA
 18 5152 Sulby S Major Peterboro DG
 22 5040 Harlethorpe D Royal S'well & Nottm DG
 23 5040 Yeory D Royal Bath & Wells DA
 25 5024 Cherry S Major Lancashire A
 31 5024 Stilton S Major Around Ringers
 31 5040 Pilton D Royal G Devonshire Ringers

August

2 5088 Roundway S Major Glos & Bris DA
 4 5024 Knoxville S Major Ely DA
 4 5088 Effingham S Maximus Yorkshire A
 8 5056 Ladyville S Major Ely DA
 9 5088 Cranborne Chase S Major Win & Ports DG
 10 5088 Vienna S Major Bath & Wells DA
 16 5000 Khyber Pass S Royal Yorkshire A
 18 5096 Bushey and Oxhey A Major St James' G
 18 5088 Tonelessness S Major Lancashire A
 18 5080 Effingham S Royal Yorkshire A
 21 5088 Nomansland S Major Glos & Bris DA
 21 5024 Freeschool S Major S'well & Nottm DG
 24 5152 Cameron D Major ANZAB
 26 5160 Brooksby S Royal S'well & Nottm DG
 26 5000 Riverside S Royal ASCY
 29 5024 Monksville S Major Ely DA
 30 5056 Westrop S Major Glos & Bris DA
 31 5115 Woolly Jumper H Major Non-Association

September

3 5024 Mrs Trellis of North Wales S Major Yorkshire A
 7 5152 Warsaw S Major Bath & Wells DA
 7 5024 Once Brewed D Major Yorkshire A
 9 5040 Beult D Royal Kent CA
 11 5184 Walford S Major S'well & Nottm DG
 11 5040 Portland D Royal Lancashire A
 11 5040 Ecclefechan D Royal G Devonshire Ringers

13 5056 Hillington Green D Major

G Devonshire Ringers
 13 5120 Old Kea S Major Truro DG
 15 5184 Sammy D Major Sussex CA
 17 5088 Barbaresco D Major Lancashire A
 18 5040 Varsity S Royal Oxford DG
 18 5088 Easterton S Major Glos & Bris DA
 19 5056 Moonville S Major Ely DA
 21 5024 Hackthorn S Major Oxford DG
 21 5550 Waynflete A Royal Oxford Soc
 24 5152 Rising Sun S Major D&N DA
 24 5024 Windy Gyle D Major Yorkshire A
 25 5088 Northgates S Major S'well & Nottm DG
 26 5112 Diamond A Royal D&N DA
 26 5056 Nashville S Major Ely DA
 27 5040 Golden A Royal Amersham Guild
 27 5040 Golden A Major Amersham Guild
 27 5000 Madison D Royal ASCY
 27 5152 Starshine D Major ASCY

October

1 5184 Stroxtan S Major Lincoln DG
 1 5056 Kirby-in-Ashfield S Major Yorkshire A
 4 5056 Knighton S Major Glos & Bris DA
 10 5024 Oakville S Major Ely DA
 11 5026 Arthur Phillip S Major ANZAB
 11 5152 Ragged Staff D Major SRCY
 16 5042 Pride of Romsey S Maximus Oxford DG
 17 5024 Peryville S Major Ely DA
 18 5152 Marlborough D Major Salisbury DG
 18 5088 Muriel D Major Lancashire A
 20 5040 Thrybergh S Maximus Yorkshire A
 20 5088 Alnwick Castle S Major St James' G
 23 5040 Old Light S Royal Lancashire A
 24 5024 Quarryville S Major Ely DA
 25 5040 Bishop Stamer D Royal North Staffs A
 28 5080 Xanthe D Royal S'well & Nottm DG
 31 5152 Winford S Major Glos & Bris DA

November

1 5120 Coterie S Major St James' G
 1 5024 Bleaklow D Major Yorkshire A
 1 5040 Darlaston Little B Major Non-Association
 1 5040 Coventry A Major Coventry DG
 2 5058 Humber Bridge S Major Bev & Dist Soc
 7 5024 Rainsville S Major Ely DA
 7 5152 Half-Century S Major SRCY
 9 5088 Stockholm S Major Bath & Wells DA
 9 5024 Remember Me S Major Narnia Yths
 11 5040 Eleventh Hour D Royal Kent CA
 13 5056 Armagh S Major S'well & Nottm DG
 14 5088 Stoneville S Major Ely DA
 15 5040 Cytringan S Royal SRCY
 17 5088 St Nicholas' Warwick S Major Coventry DG
 19 5024 Nether Hornpot Lane D Major Yorkshire A
 20 5088 Xerograph S Major Glos & Bris DA
 20 5088 Adnams Broadside D Major Oxford DG
 21 5088 Titusville S Major Ely DA
 24 5024 Round Bush S Major St James' G
 25 5056 Stevenston S Major Oxford DG
 27 5096 Hyperion A Major S'well & Nottm DG
 29 5184 Folly Hall S Major Yorkshire A

December

3 5056 Middlethorpe Hall D Major Yorkshire A
 3 5152 Mullins Court S Major SRCY
 4 5088 Wales S Major Llandaff & Mon D A
 5 5056 Bedale D Major Yorkshire A
 5 5088 Cymru S Major Llandaff & Mon D A
 6 5056 Old Dilton S Major Glos & Bris DA
 8 5088 Radcliffeborough S Major SRCY
 8 5040 Luffburra D Royal Freehold S
 11 5152 Peckleton S Major S'well & Nottm DG
 11 5064 Gadolinium A Major SRCY
 11 5040 Plymouth D Royal Lancashire A
 12 5056 Crystal Palace S Major Non-Association
 13 5088 Frithelstock S Major Oxford DG
 14 5056 Turnon D Major Sussex CA
 14 5088 Martin TB Major Suffolk G
 15 5044 Trojan A Maximus St Martin's G
 18 5152 Highclere Red House S Major Oxford DG
 18 5056 Du Migitt Little S Royal G Devonshire Ringers
 19 5024 Unionville S Major Ely DA
 20 5088 Clenchwarton S Major Ely DA
 21 5088 Isenfluh S Major Oxford DG
 23 5040 Pointon S Royal S'well & Nottm DG
 26 5024 Oxfordshire D Major Oxford DG
 27 5040 Ridculous D Royal Yorkshire A
 29 5040 Chipping Campden A Major Coventry DG
 30 5024 Firbeck S Major Yorkshire A
 30 5042 Quartzite S Maximus S'well & Nottm DG
 31 5152 Superlambanana S Major ASCY

First peals in methods rung on Hand Bells

January

9 5042 Prittlewell S Maximus Oxford DG
 14 5040 Lincolnshire D Royal Leicester DG
 28 5040 Quedgeley S Royal Oxford DG

February

4 5040 *Zodiac D Royal Leicester DG
 11 5040 Mather D Royal Leicester DG
 13 5040 Evesham S Royal Oxford DG

April

9 5040 Phobos S Maximus Oxford DG
 28 5040 Norburg S Royal Oxford DG

May

7 5040 Eardleigh S Royal Oxford DG
 19 5040 Teotihuacan S Royal Oxford DG

June

9 5040 Anniversary D Royal Leicester DG

July

3 5120 *Devenish S Major Middx CA & Lon DG

August

11 5040 Julian S Royal Oxford DG
 12 5040 Berwyn TB Minor Hertford CA

September

8 5040 *Kakadu D Royal Leicester DG
 29 5040 Vendune S Royal Oxford DG

November

3 5040 Durandestorp S Royal Oxford DG
 12 5040 Scientific Triples St Martin's G
 26 5042 Evesham S Maximus Oxford DG

December

1 5040 Fennel S Royal Oxford DG
 10 5042 Delaware S Maximus Oxford DG

Methods marked * were also the first peal in the method.

Record peal on Tower Bells

February

9 10640 Double B Major Yorkshire A

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
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- Fire Risk Assessment
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2008	TOWER																				HAND														
Society	4	5	5/6	6	7	7/8	8	9	10	10	11	12	12	13	13	14	15	16	16	Tower Total	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	Hand Total	Society Total				
Ancient Society of College Youths	0	1	0	18	9	0	91	15	2	53	19	1	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	253	0	6	1	3	3	3	3	0	0	19	272				
A N Z A B	0	0	0	2	2	0	6	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13				
Bath & Wells	0	10	1	24	11	0	79	3	1	17	1	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	156	0	0	0	7	0	1	0	0	0	8	164				
Bedfordshire	0	0	0	22	4	0	24	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53				
Beverley & District	1	2	0	0	1	0	7	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14				
Birmingham University	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5				
Cambridge University	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9				
Carlisle	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5				
Chester	0	0	0	9	3	0	18	1	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	12	0	45	0	35	0	7	0	99	135				
Coventry	0	1	0	4	3	0	26	3	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	15	0	11	1	0	3	0	0	30	71				
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths	0	0	0	16	1	0	108	6	0	40	6	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	193	0	1	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	7	200				
Derby	1	2	0	9	1	0	39	3	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	0	2	0	26	1	7	0	3	0	39	100				
Devon Assn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
G of Devonshire Ringers	0	0	0	51	3	0	100	7	0	17	2	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	193	0	0	0	10	0	2	0	0	0	12	205				
Dorset	0	0	0	24	2	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50				
Durham & Newcastle	0	2	0	6	1	0	45	3	0	13	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	75				
Durham University	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9				
East Derbyshire & West Notts.	0	0	0	1	0	0	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				
East Grinstead & District	0	0	0	1	0	0	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				
Ely	0	8	0	22	15	0	73	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	124	0	0	0	7	0	2	0	0	0	9	133				
Essex	0	2	0	33	5	0	35	3	0	6	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	86	0	1	0	5	0	2	0	0	0	8	94				
Gloucester & Bristol	1	4	0	12	6	0	91	1	0	9	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	131	0	7	0	17	1	4	0	0	0	29	160				
Guildford	0	0	0	10	4	0	33	6	1	7	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	67				
Hereford	0	15	0	12	2	0	44	1	0	4	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	81	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	81				
Hertford	0	2	0	12	2	0	32	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	6	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	17	77				
Irish	0	1	0	4	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9				
Kent	0	1	0	20	3	0	71	5	0	21	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	123	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	125				
Ladies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Lancashire	0	3	0	22	5	0	110	3	0	72	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	221	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	223				
Leeds University	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4				
Leicester	0	0	0	4	0	0	24	0	0	6	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	4	1	15	3	13	1	1	0	38	76				
Lichfield & Walsall	0	2	0	18	1	0	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	37				
Lincoln	1	8	0	40	1	0	26	2	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	1	8	1	38	7	10	4	0	1	70	153				
Liverpool Universities	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4				
Llandaff & Monmouth	0	8	0	8	4	0	15	3	0	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	3	0	18	0	1	0	0	0	22	67				
Middlesex & London	0	0	0	1	4	0	19	8	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	5	0	34	1	4	0	3	0	47	83				
National Police	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				
North American	0	0	1	4	4	0	16	4	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	4	0	13	0	4	0	0	0	21	55				
North Staffordshire	0	1	0	17	1	0	9	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31				
North Wales	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5				
Norwich	0	1	0	17	3	0	10	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	37				
Oxford Diocesan	0	6	0	52	8	0	160	5	0	29	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	272	0	1	2	23	0	35	2	24	0	87	359				
Oxford Society	0	1	0	2	5	0	15	7	0	26	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	62				
Oxford University	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	10				
Peterborough	0	1	0	14	0	0	22	3	0	13	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54				
St David's	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				
St Martin's	0	1	0	7	23	0	16	6	1	10	7	2	15	0	0	0	0	1	2	91	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0							

Analysis of Peals by method and change on year

	TOWER			HAND		
	2008	2007	plus/minus	2008	2007	plus/minus
<i>Sixteen</i>	4	6	-2	0	0	0
<i>Septuples/Sixteen</i>	1	1	0	0	0	0
<i>Septuples</i>	1	1	0	0	0	0
<i>Fourteen</i>	1	5	-4	1	1	0
<i>Sextuples</i>	0	2	-2	0	0	0
<i>Maximus/Sextuples</i>	1	0	1	0	0	0
<i>Maximus</i>						
Spliced Surprise	15	14		4	4	
Other spliced	18	14		5	1	
Bristol Surprise	43	50		4	2	
Cambridge Surprise	53	65		8	7	
Lincolnshire Surprise	21	8		4	0	
Yorkshire Surprise	51	59		9	10	
Other single Surprise	36	34		8	9	
Other	9	8		6	6	
Maximus Total	246	252	-6	48	39	9
<i>Cinques/Maximus</i>						
	3	5	-2	0	0	0
<i>Cinques</i>						
Stedman	79	87		14	26	
Other	14	12		0	0	
Cinques Total	93	99	-6	14	26	-12
<i>Royal</i>						
Spliced Surprise	42	51		20	5	
Bristol Surprise	88	91		4	4	
Cambridge Surprise	90	105		24	26	
Lincolnshire Surprise	26	15		9	7	
London No 3 Surprise	65	63		4	4	
Swindon Surprise	15	26		0	0	
Yorkshire Surprise	78	98		14	11	
Other single Surprise	127	125		24	20	
Single Delight	47	39		7	4	
Kent/Oxford TB	2	1		17	27	
Plain Bob	5	9		12	13	
Other	8	6		3	2	
Royal Total	593	629	-36	138	123	15
<i>Caters/Royal</i>						
	7	2	5	0	0	0
<i>Caters</i>						
Grandsire	81	72		1	1	
Stedman	87	94		17	12	
Other	8	7		0	0	
Caters Total	176	173	3	18	13	5

	TOWER			HAND		
	2008	2007	plus/minus	2008	2007	plus/minus
<i>Major</i>						
Spliced Surprise	342	325		53	47	
Bristol Surprise	209	236		24	16	
Cambridge Surprise	110	111		17	15	
Ealing Surprise	16	6		0	1	
Glasgow Surprise	19	21		2	0	
Lessness Surprise	46	40		2	0	
Lincolnshire Surprise	70	76		12	12	
London Surprise	41	57		9	5	
Pudsey Surprise	18	26		7	8	
Rutland Surprise	53	59		7	9	
Superlative Surprise	51	55		9	6	
Yorkshire Surprise	170	195		44	33	
Other single Surprise	625	662		5	7	
Single Delight	86	97		0	0	
Kent/Oxford TB	9	12		58	54	
Double Norwich CB	39	31		4	2	
Plain Bob	64	53		65	60	
Other	38	41		8	13	
Major Total	2006	2103	-97	326	288	38
<i>Triples/Major</i>						
	1	0	1	0	0	0
<i>Triples</i>						
Grandsire	81	68		5	1	
Plain Bob	25	17		0	0	
Stedman	97	115		21	22	
Other	22	23		1	0	
Triples Total	225	223	2	27	23	4
<i>Minor</i>						
8+ methods	169	156		44	52	
7 methods	346	420		18	22	
2-6 methods	100	118		24	33	
Cambridge Surprise	53	56		4	6	
Other single Surprise	10	14		0	1	
Plain Bob	41	47		22	25	
Other	3	2		1	4	
Minor Total	722	813	-91	113	143	-30
<i>Doubles/Minor</i>						
	3	0	3	0	1	-1
<i>Doubles</i>						
2+ methods	93	103		1	0	
Other	27	23		2	4	
Doubles Total	120	126	-6	3	4	-1
<i>Minimus</i>						
	7	6	1	-	-	
TOTAL	4210	4446	-236	688	661	27
GRAND TOTAL				4898	5107	-209

Public Relations Committee

The Committee has met three times in the last year and communicates by email regularly between meetings.

Ringing Roadshow. The main focus of activity for 2008 was the Ringing Roadshow, held at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, on Friday 5th and Saturday 6th September. With by far the largest attendance ever, in spite of the torrential rain, there were overwhelmingly positive and enthusiastic observations from attendees and exhibitors alike. Attendance on Saturday was higher than that on Friday, as anticipated, but exhibitors were reportedly happy to have had the opportunity to meet visitors over the two day period. Organisation of the event was undertaken, on behalf of the Committee, by John Anderson, Eleanor Linford, Derek Smart and Stephanie Warboys. Consultants to the organisers were Steve Coleman (Concerts, seminars and much more) and Robin Walker (Mini-rings). To these people and all those who gave of their time to help, both at and before the event, we offer our grateful thanks.

Consideration is currently being given to a recommendation to the Council about a date for



The 2008 Ringing Roadshow pictured from the gallery

a future Ringing Roadshow. Consultations are underway with major stakeholders.

Liaison. Links are maintained with a working group from ringing organisations in the London area which aims to have ringing represented at the 2012 London Olympics. It is anticipated that Committee members will take the lead in promoting ringing activity in other areas of the country where Olympic events will take place. Also, members continue links with other Committees via their dual membership.

The Committee continues to collate up-to-date information on university societies for www.cccbr.org.uk. There is also a database of contact details for society and district secretaries.

The Complaints Helpline has offered advice in six cases. Three were full complaints, one was a request for advice, one an enquiry about sound control and the final one an enquiry from a society about how a clergyman might manage conflict with a ringer.

Publications. The supply of Recruitment leaflets continues, the total despatched since July 2008 being well in excess of 8000 and 120,000 since 2003. The design of the leaflet is under review.

Publicity posters continue to be available via the Publications Committee.

Initiatives. The Learn to Ring service receives on average ten enquiries per month. We are taking steps to improve the system.

Contact has been made with the producers of the BBC programme 'Bells on Sunday'. Following up an initial contact, Michael Orme was invited to visit the BBC Manchester studios to review the stock of church bell recordings and offer advice on the quality of material available. These visits have resulted in details of each broadcast being published in *The Ringing World*. It is believed that this contact will lead to further developments in recording of bells in collaboration with the BBC.

Requests for information from outside organisations are frequent. Recent examples are a request for information from Lichfield Diocese, for a press release announcing the move of the Gillett & Johnston ring of ten bells from Hanley to Stone and the editor of the 'London Almanac 2010' seeking contact details for ringing in London. An unexpected piece of publicity occurred on Saturday 21st February, when the Churches Conservation Trust launched



Central Council Publications



PRICE LIST 2009

Beginner's Handbook	£1.50	*Towers and Bells Handbook	£17.95
Towards Better Striking	£1.00	The Bell Adviser	£1.50
Raising and Lowering	£2.00	Schedule of Regular Maintenance	£2.50
Ringing Jargon Made Easy	10 for £2.00	D-I-Y Guidelines	£1.50
Beginners' Grandsire	£1.00	Organising a Bell Restoration Project	£2.00
Beginners' Plain Bob	£1.00	Sound Management	£1.50
Doubles and Minor for Beginners	£2.50	Splicing Bell Ropes Illustrated	£3.50
Triples and Major for Beginners	£2.50		
Ringing Circles – A Guide to Basic Methods	£2.50	Change Ringing History,	
Ringing Skills	£4.00	Vols. 1 & 3 only	each £7.00
The Learning Curve Vol. 1: 1999-2001	£3.00	Centenary History of the Central Council	£7.00
The Learning Curve Vol. 2: 2002-2003	£3.00	Giants of the Exercise	£8.50
The Learning Curve Vol. 3: 2004-2005	£3.00	Giants of the Exercise II	£8.50
The Learning Curve Vol. 4: 2006-2007	£3.00	An Unassuming Genius –	
Ringing Basics for Beginners	£2.50	the Life and Times of A. J. Pitman	£9.00
Listen to Ringing 1 CD	£8.00		
Listen to Ringing 2 (live) CD	£9.00	Dove's Guide	£13.00
Beginner's Guide to Change Ringing		Belfry Offices	£3.00
on Handbells	£2.50	Organising an Outing	£1.50
Change Ringing on Handbells	£2.50	Belfry Warning Notices (laminated) 5 for	£3.00
The Tower Handbook	£16.00	Church Towers and Bells	
		(an analysis of interactions)	£5.00
Learning Methods	£3.50	Getting it Right – Guidance for	
Standard Eight Surprise Major	£5.00	Officers of Ringing Societies	£4.00
Method Splicing	£3.00	CC Rules & Decisions (2007)	£2.00
Understanding Place Notation	£1.00		
Will You Call a Touch Please, Bob?	£2.50	Collection of Minor Methods	£2.00
Service Touches	£1.00	Plain Minor Methods (2008)	£4.00
Conducting Stedman	£2.00	Treble Dodging Minor Methods (2008)	£4.00
		Collection of Principles	£3.00
A Tutor's Handbook	£4.00	Rung Surprise etc. (to end 2007)	£12.50
Tower Captain's Handbook	£2.00		
Teaching Unravelling	£3.00	Spliced Minor Collection	£5.50
One Way to Teach Handling	£2.00	Collection of Grandsire Compositions	£6.00
Teaching Beyond Bell Handling	£2.00	Collection of 10 Bell Compositions	£5.00
Teaching from Rounds to Bob Doubles	£1.50	Collection of 12+ Bell Compositions	£5.00
Kaleidoscope Ringing – A Change Ringers		Collection of Universal Compositions	
Alternative to Called Changes	£1.50	(for Treble Dodging Major Methods)	£4.50
Simulators and Teaching	£1.50		
Starting a New Band	£2.00		
*Bell Handling – A Tutor's Companion			
(DVD)	£10.00		

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a 40th birthday appeal titled 'Bells Ring Across England'. This produced several televised news items featuring ringing. The CCT have now added us to their circulation list, so there may be early notification of any future events.

There have been changes to the Committee membership since the last Council meeting with Neil Donovan being co-opted and Peter Burgess standing down from the committee. We place on record our thanks to Peter for steering the Committee through a busy period during the lead up to the last Roadshow and the months beyond.

NEIL DONOVAN (Co-opted)

(Chairman from January 2009)

PETER BURGESS

(Chairman May 2008 – January 2009)

BRUCE BUTLER

ALAN CHANTLER

CHRIS DARVILL (Secretary)

BEVERLY FABER

JOHN HARRISON

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JANE WILKINSON



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The CC recruitment poster

Publications Committee

Seven new publications were produced during the year. They were: *Learning Curve 4*, *Ringling Basics for Beginners*, *Teaching Unravelling*, *CC Rules and Decisions (2007)*, and *Rung Surprise (to end 2007)*, together with new editions of *Plain Minor Methods* and *Treble Dodging Minor Methods*. The first three of these sold particularly well.

Nine titles were reprinted: *Beginners Handbook*, *Ringling Jargon Made Easy*, *Ringling Circles*, *Learning Curve 2*, *Learning Curve 3*, *Listen to Ringling CDs 1 and 2*, *An Unassuming Genius – The Life and Times of A J Pitman*, and the DVD. It was pleasing to note the continuing great success of *Ringling Circles* and the need to reprint the *A J Pitman* book after only one year.

Bulk discounts were offered in March as usual, and advertisements were again placed in a number of Society reports. Our stall was busy on both days of the Ringling Roadshow. We took £3,800, slightly more than at the previous Roadshow. Our overall impression was that total sales did not, in themselves, justify a two day event, although a presence for the duration was advantageous for other reasons. We would like to record our thanks to Philip Green who very generously donated a splendid display banner, which greatly enhanced our stall and which will be in use for many years.

Income from sales of £13,300 remained at the 2007 level and the value of stock held rose by £1,000 to £10,600. The excess of income over expenditure rose to £1,200 from £210 and the total cash available remained steady at around £16,000. About £200 worth of slow selling stock was written off. The fund remains in a healthy state and should be adequate to support forthcoming projects.

JOHN COUPERTHWAITE (*Chairman*)

ANDREW ASPLAND

JULIAN NEWMAN

BERYL NORRIS

DEREK JONES

JEAN SANDERSON (*co-opted*)

BARBARA WHEELER

Stocklist at December 31st 2008

<i>Title</i>	<i>Sales to 31 Dec 2008</i>	<i>Stock at 31 Dec 2008</i>
Beginners Handbook	296	368
Towards Better Striking	78	47
Raising and Lowering	83	28
Ringling Jargon Made Easy	23	9
Beginners Grandsire	222	211
Beginners Plain Bob	270	8
Doubles and Minor for Beginners	100	113
Triples and Major for Beginners	37	191
Ringling Circles	712	289
Ringling Skills	57	87
The Learning Curve Vol 1	105	176
The Learning Curve Vol 2	87	282
The Learning Curve Vol 3	92	282
The Learning Curve Vol 4	213	334
Listen to Ringling CD 1/CD2	37/37	39/60
Ringling Basics for Beginners	161	178
Beginners Guide to Change Ringling on Handbells	93	127
Change Ringling on Handbells	50	249
The Tower Handbook	57	122
Learning Methods	79	194
Method Splicing	16	55
Understanding Place Notation	50	32
Will You Call a Touch Please, Bob?	81	41
Service Touches	87	183
Conducting Stedman	50	79
A Tutors Handbook	39	248
Tower Captains Handbook	33	9
One Way to Teach Handling	35	174
Teaching Beyond Bell Handling	22	244
Teaching from Rounds to Bob Doubles	47	140
Simulators and Teaching	14	50
Kaleidoscope Ringling	109	56
Teaching Unravelling	251	68
Starting a New Band	11	92
Towers and Bells Handbook	35	225
The Bell Adviser	7	175
Schedule of Regular Maintenance	95	244
D-I-Y Guidelines	8	177
Organising a Bell Restoration Project	24	151
Sound Management	15	123
Splicing Bellropes	60	142
Change Ringling History Vol 1	23	223
Change Ringling History Vol 3	20	218
Centenary History of the Central Council	3	88
Giants of the Exercise	23	1
Giants of the Exercise Vol 2	31	93
A J Pitman Biography	57	170
Dove's Guide	273	998
Belfry Offices	10	77
Organising an Outing	18	70
Belfry Warning Notices	7	32
Church Towers and Bells	13	57
CC Rules and Decisions 2007	4	46
Getting it Right	12	143
Collection of Minor Methods	7	215
Plain Minor Methods	41	134
Treble Dodging Minor Methods	38	142
Collection of Principles	7	63
Rung Surprise etc to end 2007	26	26
Rung Surprise etc supplement to end 2006	6	90
Handbook of Composition	6	2
Spliced Minor Collection	9	5
Grandsire Compositions	8	11
10 Bell Compositions	8	78
12+ Bell Compositions	7	100
Collection of Universal Compositions (for T D Major Methods)	8	31
Videos/DVDs	1/39	3/51

HAVE YOU MADE A WILL? HAVE YOU HAD A WINDFALL? OR JUST COME INTO MONEY?

Would you like to help the worthy cause of bell restoration?

Your local ringing association will have a bell restoration fund and will be delighted to hear how you can help them.

The Central Council Bell Restoration Fund also needs money to help with national (and even occasionally international) projects.

Most charities get substantial amounts of their income from bequests. Very little is left to bellringing causes, and it is time this changed, to build on the good work started with Millennium money.

To find out how you can contribute or how to include bell restoration in your will, contact

Mrs Kate Flavell

7 Kings Avenue, New Malden, Surrey KT3 4DX

Tel: 020 8942 1662

E-Mail: flavells@f2s.com

Committee for Redundant Bells

The Committee has a dual and equal role of monitoring the developments within the Church of England and in other jurisdictions concerning redundant churches and redundant bells and administering the Rescue Fund for Redundant Bells. The work of the Committee as Trustees of the Rescue Fund is reported separately and is not therefore referred to in this Report.

The Committee keeps in touch with the central bodies of the Church of England involved in redundant churches: The Church Commissioners and the Cathedrals and Church Buildings Division (formerly the Council for the Care of Churches). Many changes of personnel in the organisations have interrupted that communication but this is now restored and the Committee hopes will be enhanced during the coming year. It is certainly hoped that further discussions with the Cathedrals and Church Buildings Division will enable this Committee to be able to involve the societies affiliated to the Central Council concerning the future of bells in potentially redundant churches much more effectively than has been possible previously.

Communication has also been established with the Churches Conservation Trust to enable the Committee to be more directly involved in the care and use of bells in the churches in the care of the Trust.

The Committee also hopes to be able to publish in *The Ringing World* (editor's discretion permitting) material to keep interested ringers up to date with changes that are coming in to effect under the terms of the Dioceses Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007. This measure not only changes the procedures for dealing with redundant churches and their fittings but also raises the prospect of not only redundant parishes and their churches but also the concept of a redundant diocese!

At the end of 2008 the number of churches declared redundant under the Pastoral Measure since its introduction 40 years ago is 1,764. Of these churches 386 have been demolished; 341 have been transferred to what is now the Churches Conservation Trust, and the remainder have been converted to new uses.

The number of new cases has continued to slow. In 2008 there were 31 new cases but it is anticipated that there will only be 24 in 2009. The new measure, coming into effect later this year, will further reduce numbers as the legislation will enable churches in use to be adapted for mixed use without having to go through the redundancy procedures.

The Committee through John Baldwin continues informally to sponsor the development of a National Bell Register.

The Committee has dealt with individual enquiries concerning redundancy of churches, questions as to the future of affected bells and with individuals or churches enquiring as to either the disposal of or the acquisition of redundant bells.

The Committee has kept a watching brief on the future of the ring of ten at St Peters Brighton as the church has been the subject of controversial redundancy proposals. It appears the future of the church building is assured with the bells remaining in situ and as the church is

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

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now likely to continue in use within the Church of England there is a need for the bells to be rung as before.

All of the foregoing is related to England and the Central Council is of course international. Wales has been kept under review through the eyes of John Baldwin and the Committee had an active involvement when there was a prospect of the bells at Denbigh being disposed of. It is good news that those bells are now subject to an active restoration proposal.

Formal arrangements with the Church institutions in Scotland have so far been elusive. The Scottish Association will hold the key to involvement in any redundancy issues that arise.

The year saw the first case of a Church with a ring of bells becoming redundant outside of the United Kingdom – Holy Trinity Hobart in Australia – especially sad recalling the successful support by ringers in England for the bells to be restored. Happily ANZAB and the local ringers have been able to ensure the future of the bells as a ringing peal.

The recession has brought rapidly declining metal prices from the very high levels seen in 2008 and which prompted the Committee to write to DAC secretaries advising them of the value of redundant bells - the need for security to avoid them being stolen and to express the hope that despite the steadily increasing value of the bells as metal that the DACs would still encourage the preservation and re-use of existing castings.

The Committee is ever grateful to the Trustees of the Keltek Trust for ready co-operation and the availability of David Kelly as a consultant to the committee.

ROBERT COOLES (*Chairman*)

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Ringling Centres Committee

The Ringling Centres Committee met twice during the year in the Ringling Chamber of St Martin-in-the Bullring, Birmingham. The primary pre-occupation of the Committee this year has been the Ringling Roadshow 2008 at Stoneleigh Park, and the very large amount of organisational effort that the Committee put into that event. In a joint enterprise between the Education Committee and the Ringling Centres Committee, the Personal Development Zone was created with a staff of nearly forty people. The main event was the launch of the *Belfry*

Forums, a new Education Committee on-line Bulletin Board. The Lichfield Diocesan Mobile Belfry was used for ringing training on site, whilst ringers were also taken out to local towers for Workshop sessions. In the PDZ we mounted a range of displays and were kept very busy throughout the event. The general consensus was that the initiative had worked very well.

It has continued to be a matter of concern to the Committee that apart from the welcome establishment of a new Ringling Centre at Kington by Graham Nabb and his team, there have been no other potential centres coming forward. This situation which has persisted for a couple of years now needs to be addressed, and the Committee has been engaged in a major review of the whole Ringling Centres movement with a view to deciding the best way forward. A survey is being carried out seeking the views of ringers involved in current Ringling Centres, and an agreed discussion document is being circulated which carries various proposals which may be of interest and may be a way forward. This document includes a proposal that a new Ringling Schools Association be formed of current Ringling Centres, plus established regular ringing schools and other parties engaged in the teaching of ringing. What has been encouraging is that Ringling Centres continue to be beacons of excellence and encouragement around the country.

The Founders Prize for the Ringling Centre which has made the greatest contribution to the teaching of ringing in 2008 was awarded to the Prittlewell Ringling Centre and the Chairman had the pleasure of attending one of their training sessions at Prittlewell where the presentation from the Master of the Founders Company was specially organised, followed by a buffet lunch. The competition for the Founders Prize for the Encouragement of Young People was won by the West Lindsey Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and they received their award at the Roadshow.

As part of the major review in which the Committee is engaged and due to the low level of applications for the Founders Prizes in recent years, the Committee has been in discussion with the officers of the Founders Company. It has been agreed that for the time being the Founders Prizes will be suspended pending the outcome of the review process. The Founders have said that they are willing to support any revision of the scheme which the Committee may decide upon. At the time of writing the intention is that the money generously provided by the Founders will in future be used as a Grant Fund to which ringing schools can apply for small grants for equipment and bursaries for courses. We will be in a better position to progress when the survey work is completed.

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Ringling Trends Committee

The Committee met once last year in February 2008 with contact being maintained electronically for the remainder of the year. At the Council meeting in May four members were elected to the Committee. Frank Lewis, one of the co-opted members, who was no longer a member of Council, decided to stand down, although he has continued to assist the Committee with work on updating the website. In addition, invaluable assistance continues to be provided to the Committee by Jennifer Holden, who is not a member of Council.

Survey Results

Phase 1 of the programme was completed during the year with responses from all areas contacted except one, although this was due to circumstances beyond their control. Some of the information available from Phase 1 was presented in a leaflet at the Ringing Roadshow and is available on the Ringing Trends website.

As reported last year, Phase 2 of the project was considerably delayed and, in the event, it was late 2008 before this second phase was underway. The response to the Phase 2 questionnaires has been excellent and results are already available from the Carlisle Diocesan Guild and the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. Phase 2 includes counties covered by some of the largest Societies with data still expected from the Oxford Diocesan Guild, Yorkshire Association, Sussex County Association, Essex Association and Leicester Diocesan Guild. We are very grateful to all of the Societies involved in both Phase 1 and Phase 2 for their considerable help in assisting with data collection and inputting information into spreadsheets.

All of the results obtained so far have been transferred into the database from the spreadsheets and the resulting datasets used to prepare the various charts. Although the data has not yet been statistically analysed the responses that we are getting are totally consistent. At this stage the Ringing Trends Committee wishes to apologise to members of Council for a graph showing the age of learners shown at the Council meeting in Newcastle last year. This graph caused much consternation and it was subsequently found that the data was erroneous because, in one of the spreadsheets, several of the columns covering the ages of learners had been transposed. All of the information in the database has now been rechecked and verified.

To date responses have been received from 1019 towers and nearly 7000 ringers and a number of graphs are presented using this information. The age range of ringers is shown at **Fig 1**. All of the recently obtained data from the various areas throughout the country is consistent with earlier data in showing a trend towards a much older ringing population. Compare this with a 2008 Office of National Statistics study, which calculated the average age of the general UK population as 39. There are many reasons for this trend but it is clear that many people do not learn to ring until they are over 40 (**Fig 2**). In the 1988 survey just 17% of ringers were over 40 when they learnt

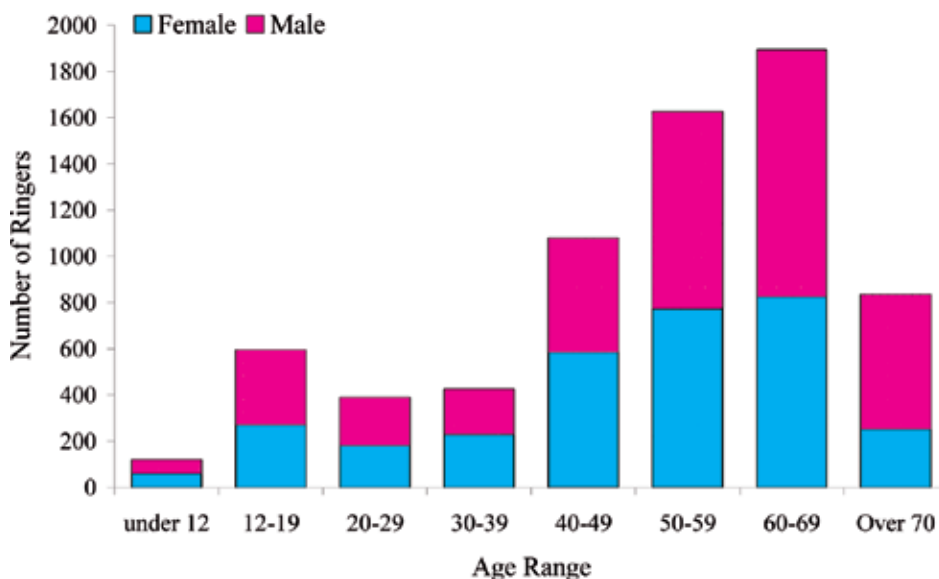


Figure 1: Ringers responding to the survey by age and gender (Number surveyed = 6957)

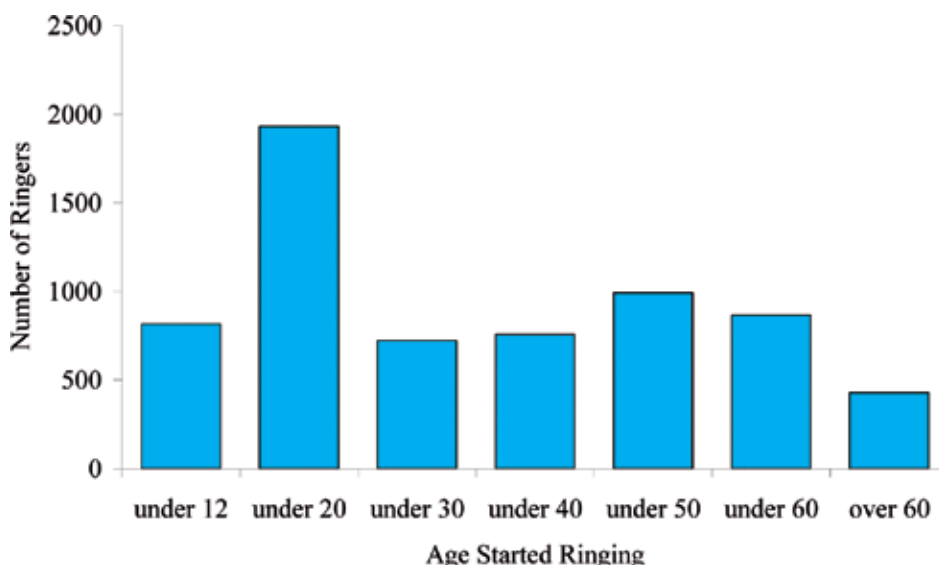


Figure 2: Age at which ringers started ringing

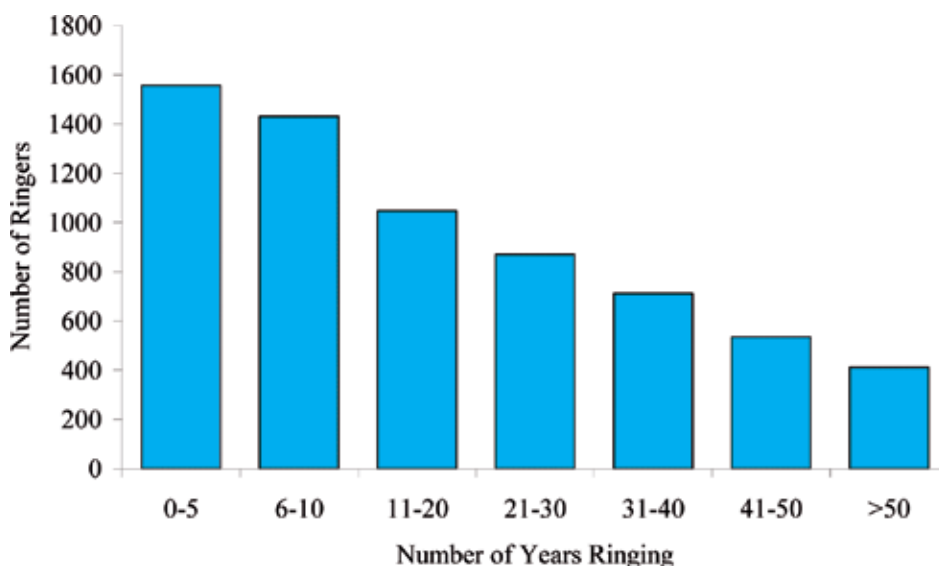


Figure 3: Length of time ringers have been ringing

to ring and 58% were less than 20 years old. Those figures today are 35% and 42% respectively, which emphasises the trend towards older learners. Of the ringers that have responded so far nearly a quarter of them have been ringing for less than 5 years (**Fig 3**).

One of the questions asked in the survey is how many towers had a regular band and it is clear from **Fig 4** that the greater the number of bells in the tower the more likelihood there is that there will be a regular band. **Fig 5** shows the age range of tower captains and, not unexpectedly, 80% of them are over the age of 50. The state of ringing in the towers surveyed is at **Fig 6**, which indicates that 68% of bands are steady or prospering. Towers were also asked which methods they rang on practice nights and the results are at **Fig 7**.

One question frequently asked and not easy to answer is 'how many ringers are there'.

In the sample survey carried out over 20 years ago, it was calculated that there were 'probably' about 41,000 ringers in the British Isles. Our findings are that this number has probably reduced. Using the records kept by the Secretary to the Council, there were 35,612 ringers that were members of Societies in the UK in 2008. Within this number it is highly likely that there is duplication, with many members belonging to more than one society (eg. SRCY, ASCY etc), which could bring this figure down by up to 2,000 ringers. Of the ringers that have responded to the survey so far, 87% say that they belong to a society and the assumption is made that the remainder do not belong to a society. If this is applied to the CC figures the total number of ringers could be 39,000. **Fig 8** shows the average number of ringers per bell by county. Here, as in all of the survey answers, where a tower gave no answer or did not respond, they were excluded from the summary. Where they gave a zero answer (110 towers), this was included in calculating the average.

University Ringing

University ringing societies are being used as an indicator for ringing amongst university students and a questionnaire survey of university societies in the United Kingdom is in progress. This involves questions similar to those of the main ringing trends questionnaire together with other questions particular to university societies. The specific questions include issues of student union affiliation and support and participation by non-students. At the end of February 36% of university societies had returned the questionnaire.

Initial results show that some university societies have sole practices, others share practices with local bands and some less active societies just act as contacts. The average percentage of student ringers attending university society practices is 58%. A high number (74%) of students involved in university ringing are studying sciences or engineering. The longer established societies have former students as officers to assist the student officers and also provide a source of assistance and continuity. Universities are teaching people to ring at all of the active societies who have responded so far and play an important part in the training of young people providing

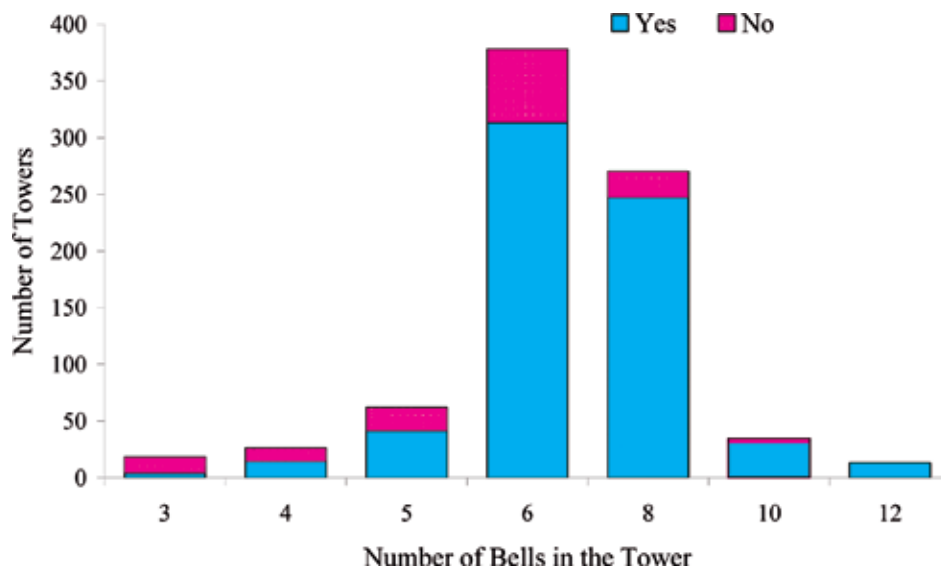


Figure 4: Towers with regular bands by number of bells in the tower (yes = regular band, no = no band)

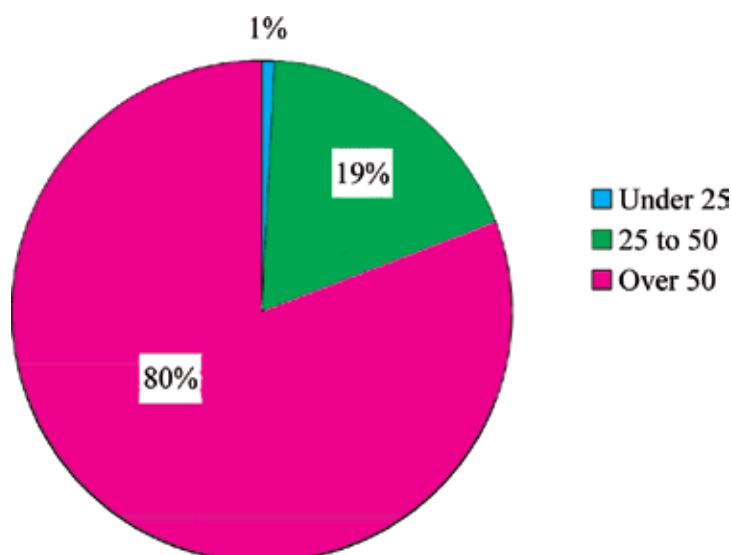


Figure 5: Age of tower captains (in years)

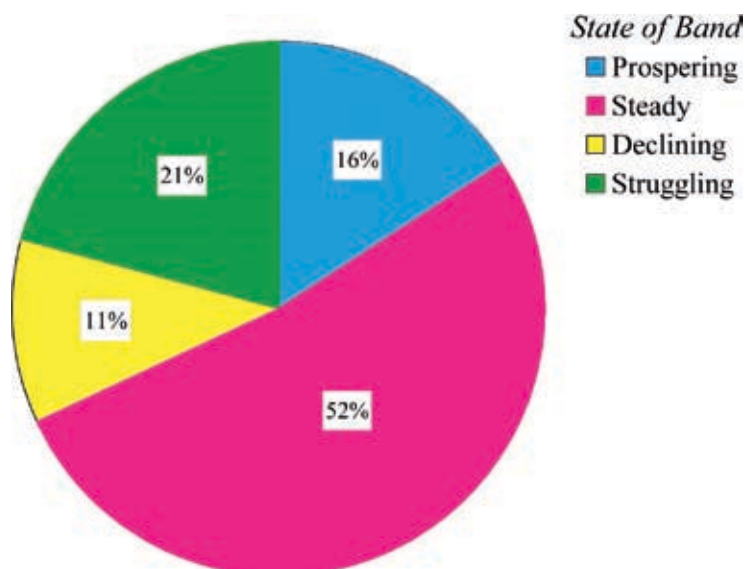


Figure 6: Reported state of bands in towers

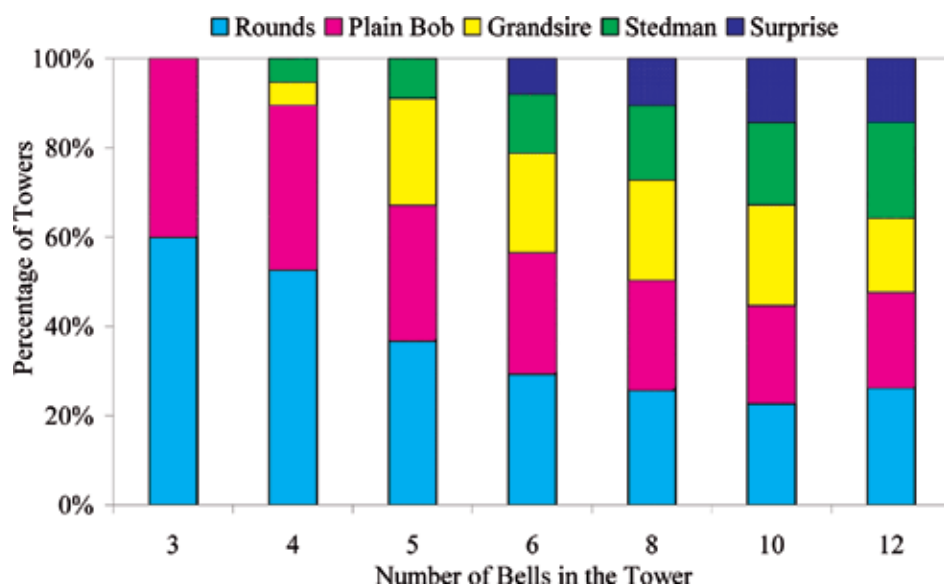


Figure 7: Methods rung on practice night by number of bells in the tower

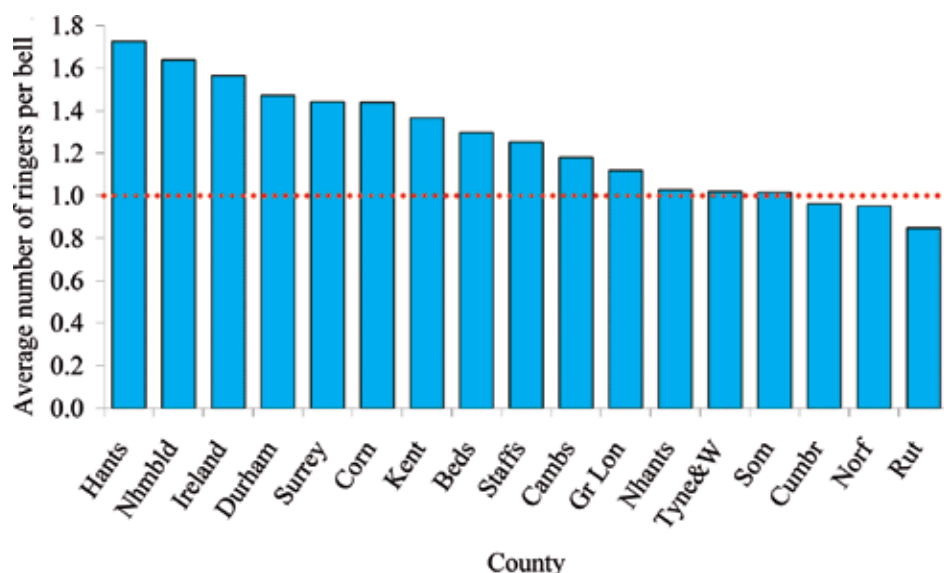


Figure 8: Number of ringers per bell by county

participation, particularly amongst younger people. However, other organisations noted that focussed publicity and marketing campaigns can improve the situation. These other organisations suggest that the focus for the future must come from identifying the lifestyle and interests that attract individuals to participate and what the activity offers them. Word of mouth still seems to be a key way in which people are introduced to activities. However, the image of the activity can remain a problem and activities have to adapt as society changes.

Conclusion

During the year information from the survey has been provided to the Ringing Foundation and to individuals who have requested information. In addition, following our earlier reported findings, one Society is considering a change in their rules regarding older members.

The Ringing Trends Committee has decided that, because of the consistency of the information obtained so far, that it is not necessary to proceed with Phases 3 & 4 of the planned programme at present and intend to start preparing a final report once all of the information from Phase 2 of the survey has been analysed. In order to do this we need to test the statistical significance of the database and the Ringing Trends Committee would welcome the assistance of a statistician with this work.

For the future, the Committee plans to undertake some sample surveys of individual ringers and possibly undertake wider surveys to get a view of what encourages ringers to 'stick' with ringing. In addition, a fuller picture of city centre ringing is considered essential.

The Ringing Trends Committee feel that the significance of the information obtained from this survey so far is of interest to the Ringing Foundation, CC Committees and ringing societies in general and will be reflecting on these issues in the next phases of their work.

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opportunities to progress in ringing terms and take on positions of responsibility. The ringing societies also ring for Sunday services.

Alongside the questionnaire an analysis of trends in university society peal ringing, using data from peals.co.uk has taken place. This shows that between 2004 and 2008, 519 peals were rung attributed to eighteen different university societies. There has been a decline in the number of peals rung by university societies from 2004 to 2008. However, the number of university societies ringing at least one peal in the year has risen from 13 to 15. Trends in quarter peal ringing have also been researched.

Other Voluntary Organisations

The Ringing Trends Committee has contacted other voluntary organisations to enquire about the state of their membership, recruitment, training and other issues similar to those being considered by our ringing surveys. We are particularly grateful to the Croquet Association

and The Scout Association for their comprehensive responses. Other responses were from Bridge and Real Tennis players. The information obtained, together with other reference material, data from the Cabinet Office National Survey on volunteering, and EU reports, has been used towards an article for *The Ringing World*.

In addition, there have been recent separate reports in the media that other activities such as golf, morris dancing, other traditional dancing, folk singing, and cathedral choirs are all suffering a decline in interest especially amongst younger people, while a variety of university student clubs and societies are also seeing dramatic reductions in participation. Conversely, we have heard that ballroom dancing is undergoing a revival, perhaps as a direct result of high profile and extensive time on TV.

From all of the information gathered it is very clear that it is not only ringing that is reporting a decline in membership and

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Towers and Belfries Committee

Three meetings were held during the year, two at Evesham and the other at Christ Church, Oxford. James Clarke has taken over the chair from Chris Povey, who was thanked for his work during his chairmanship; he continues to serve on the Committee.

Mike Banks from Derbyshire and David Kirkcaldy from Sussex were welcomed as new members and they have already been put to work. Our thanks go to outgoing member Hugh Routh for his support during his three years with the Committee. We have no members residing north of Derbys./Notts., but transport links in this area are good and allow us to serve most areas north of there, without too much difficulty.

Our stock-in-trade of advice to “The Exercise” continues, with the chairman taking emails and ‘phone calls from ringers, priests, PCC members and even one from a noise complainant. The principal subject on which we are questioned these days is sound control, together with internal and external acoustics. This fact was born out at the Ringing Roadshow, where our guests regularly questioned us on various scenarios. In each case we offered an inspection but only a few have so far materialised into requests for a report.

Following this increase in interest, the Committee has decided to respond by organising a one day seminar on the subject. Our new member Mike Banks, having done a lot of work on the subject for the Derby Diocesan Association, is leading our team with this effort and we hope to set a day up in Derbyshire during late September or early October 2009. If it proves successful and there is sufficient demand, we intend to repeat the exercise in 2010, a little further south.

Only one tower movement survey has been completed during the last year, at St Saviour’s, Eastbourne. There are still two outstanding requests for surveys, and arrangements are currently being made to complete these. Our only difficulty with these surveys now, is that all three of the members who are able to carry out the work, are busy professionals who have to arrange mutually convenient dates with the parishes concerned; hence the occasional delay.

The Committee has been represented at several meetings during the year, between EB and the CCCBR, and the CBC and the CCCBR. For those interested in the subject matter discussed, the Secretary always publishes an account in *The Ringing World*.

Following last year’s report, and several recent high profile cases of difficulty with movement in newly installed bell frames, the Committee is continuing to attempt to bring the issue to the notice of those professionals and conservation bodies involved in like projects elsewhere, and to offer some advice on how they might avoid problems of this nature in the future.

Maintenance courses were arranged by the Bath & Wells Diocesan Association and the Truro Diocesan Guild, and instruction given by the chairman. Unfortunately due to difficulties in agreeing a mutually convenient date, one other Society was unable to complete

arrangements for a similar course. The Committee feels that this work is important and if Societies are unable to arrange speakers/instructors for their own courses, we will try to make a member available.

The Committee’s website continues to be monitored, and we are content with the advice that it offers at this time.

The bell rope supply situation seems to be giving less difficulty these days, though with only one major supplier now in business, the situation is somewhat precarious. Ellis & Pritchard’s are however keen to oblige and urge anyone with a problem to get in touch.

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Bell Restoration Committee

The Committee met three times in 2008; in London in February, in Newcastle in May during the Council weekend, and in London in October.

Membership

There have been changes to the membership and composition of the Committee during the year. Kate Flavell resigned as Chairman after the May meeting but remains on the Committee. Carol Hardwick has now taken over as Chairman and her place as Secretary has been taken by Robin Shipp, who was elected an Honorary Member of Council at the Newcastle



Steving Bells Jigsaw
(photo by John Carter)

meeting. Peter Wilkinson also joined the Committee.

Laith Reynolds, John Barnes and Ken Davenport will stand down at the 2009 Council but make themselves available for re-election. This leaves four vacancies on the Committee as we wish to have a committee of ten. Jackie Roberts advised that she proposes to stand down at the 2010 Council.

Provision of Information and Advice

We continue to maintain contact with parishes and individuals across the United Kingdom, and occasionally from overseas. Mostly, these are requests for general fundraising advice but we are also pleased to receive news of ongoing projects. We had more than 40 contacts over an eight-month period last year and these included 27 initial contacts. While the printed word is good communication, people are more likely to take in ideas during a face-to-face discussion and we are happy from time to time to visit a parish to help get a fund raising plan under way. One such visit was made in 2008 to a Hampshire parish. We still provide a service for searches of grant making trusts using the FunderFinder system: we received 21 enquiries in 2008 and completed 9 searches.

Advice to Charities (such as bell restoration funds) was given in a letter to *The Ringing World*. It was pointed out that Charities preparing accruals accounts should have been using the new Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) when preparing their trustees’ annual reports and accounts for accounting periods beginning on or after 1st April 2005. It seems that many Treasurers and Independent Examiners are still unaware of this requirement and the Charity Commission is known to be requiring corrections to be made in arrears. Reference was made to the Charity Commission website for further details.

We are working on updating the Appendices to “Organising a Bell Restoration Project” with a view to considering publishing these separately on the website, as the information in the Appendices goes out of date more quickly than the booklet itself. However, we need to be confident that we have the resources to keep them up to date.

2008 Roadshow

The BRC stand at the Roadshow was generally thought to be successful. Around 70 leaflets were distributed and there were several valuable opportunities to meet existing and potential parish contacts face to face. The Central Council Bell Fund benefited from the sales of jigsaws with a bellringing theme (£1,860 at £20 each), a quiz (£158 at £1 per entry) and an anonymous donation of £200. We thank all those who generously offered prizes for the quiz.

We have recorded our comments (which are intended to be constructive) on the organisation of the event to help us plan our contribution to the next Roadshow.

Administration of Funds

As reported previously, no further grants will be made from the Manifold Trust. A few outstanding grants remain to be paid on completion of the work. A new bell was cast for Stanion, Northamptonshire, in June in memory



The Bell Restoration Committee stand at the Roadshow with Ken Davenport and Ian Oram

of Sir John Smith and Lady Smith attended the casting. The project at Stanion is complete and the six bells were tried out in October.

The level of the Central Council Bell Fund stands at less than half that for which it would be worthwhile inviting applications. Work is still needed, however, to follow up the progress of projects already offered grants and where the work in some cases has been delayed. We have an arrangement with *The Ringing World* to repeat a small advertisement inviting legacies and the encouraging success of the sale of jigsaws at the Roadshow has already been mentioned.

In accordance with the terms of the Fund, the Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund offered the following grants: Christchurch Anglican Church, Queanbeyan, NSW, Australia: £3,022

and All Saints, Fourways Gardens, Johannesburg, South Africa: £787. Further applications for grants have been invited.

Future Work

Noting that Ray Ayres' article, published on the back page of *The Ringing World* on 25th April 2008, had provided valuable information on choosing a contractor, we are working on a check list to assist parishes to ensure that they are comparing like with like when considering estimates.

The Committee has access to a considerable amount of material in paper form which would be useful to fund raisers – for example, ideas for posters. Work has started to make this available for download from the website in order to support information in the booklet "Organising a Bell Restoration Project".

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Lady Smith at the casting of the bell in memory of Sir John Smith for Stanion



The Carter Ringing Machine on display at the 2008 Roadshow (Photo by the Editor)

Report of the Stewards of the Carter Ringing Machine Collection

In the past year the Carter Ringing Machine was demonstrated at the Bellfoundry Museum on April 5th. As is usual a tour of the Bellfoundry followed the demonstration.

Attendance at the Roadshow demonstrated the Machine for the most part but taking the machine to pieces to illustrate further the working parts and their functions (although complicated) interested many of the visitors. The Stewards much appreciated the time given by Alan Bagworth (a former Steward) for his full time attendance at the show to assist in the demonstrating.

A revised and expanded inventory of the Collection belonging to the Council has been prepared. Renewal of the loan agreement between the Council and The John Taylor Bellfoundry Museum of Taylors, Eayre and Smith is under consideration.

An additional "Cummins" Electronic Machine, formerly the property of Walter Dobbie, and now the property of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers, has been lodged with the Bellfoundry Museum.

It is anticipated that the Carter Ringing Machine will be demonstrated at the Bellfoundry Museum in the late Spring and early Autumn of 2009.

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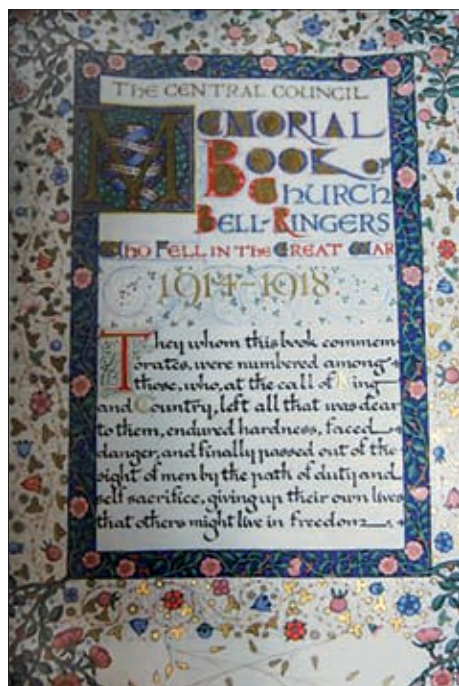
Report of the Steward of the Rolls of Honour

The two Memorial Books were returned to their display case at St Paul's Cathedral after being shown at the 2008 Ringing Roadshow, the first time they have been displayed at such an event. The books and display case are in good condition and their pages are regularly turned.

Peter Trotman has undertaken a great deal of work on the electronic version of the Great War Roll, enabling records to be searched by Name as well as Cemetery / Memorial, Regiment / Service, Rank, Guild / Society / Association. In addition there are now, through various visits to Belgium, France, Turkey and various parts of the UK, photographs of 927 ringers' Graves or Memorials. These will all be added to the website as soon as possible.

After the recent addition of 77 names to the Great War Roll that book now contains 1208 names, all but 50 have links to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website, research is ongoing to try and find these "missing" names. Recent research has confirmed some 30 more names which will be added to the Great War Roll in the future. It is important to inform Council Members that the Great War Roll book is now effectively full and more pages will be needed in the future; I feel that, based on research to date, there is likely to be a significant number of names to be added.

During the year an electronic version of the Roll of the Second World War has been added to the Council's website, work is in hand to



The Great War Memorial Book

provide the same links and functionality that the Great War Roll currently has. The Second World War Roll contains 300 names.

Articles have been published in *The Ringing World* on ringing Servicemen commemorated on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial and one on the Second World War Roll being made available on line. More articles are planned to raise awareness as we approach the 100th anniversary of the start of the Great War and the 70th anniversary of the start of the Second World War.

Many thanks to Peter Trotman on the enormous amount of work he has undertaken to make the records more widely available.

ALAN REGIN

Report of the Stewards of the Dove Database

The work of the Stewards takes place almost every day of the year without exception, and the amount and extent of that work is plainly evident for all to see: simply go to the *Dove* pages within the Council's website and there on the Home page are listed the entries which have been changed in some respect, and precisely when.

During 2008 we made over 1,500 changes to one aspect or another of the *Dove* data. Notification of these normally arrives via e-mail, with each one being individually acknowledged. In addition we received, processed, and replied to over 1,100 submissions of data adding to, or correcting that already showing, in the proto-National Bell Register (pNBR) within *Dove*. The 'record number' of pNBR submissions received and processed in any one day was 28. Almost all of these communications will involve some modification of the data within the underlying database and it is that database from which reports are generated to 'drive' the *Dove* search facility and which form the associated lists and webpages. A new version of each of these is uploaded typically every day, usually late in the evening. The task of ensuring that no inconsistencies arise as a result of changes is a not insignificant one in itself (for example, ensuring that a tower newly becoming unringable no longer also shows a practice night) and that aspect is carefully scrutinised by Tim Jackson for being as error-free as we can manage.

Some of these many changes were triggered as a result of our Home webpage reaction to a letter in the *RW* (2008/p158). That letter suggested that there were many discrepancies between *Dove* and the web-based information of the relevant society, and so we made a conscious effort to improve what we were showing. That issue itself introduces the


question of whether the inclusion of practice night information within a future printed *Dove* might actually be more misleading than it is helpful bearing in mind the frequency of change.

Towards the end of the year, and after due notice on the website and in the *RW*, we made a small change to the county names used, particularly (but not confined) to Wales and Scotland, and after comments and guidance from ringers with local knowledge. We do not anticipate that any further changes will be made in the foreseeable future to this aspect of the compilation. One side effect of that exercise was to render the previous tabulation of unringable towers (as provided annually to the Towers & Belfries Committee) slightly incompatible with what would be available in the future, and so we have chosen to make that table now a part of the 3-monthly county lists, updated versions of which are produced at the end of each March, June, September, and December. This is another part of our work undertaken by Tim Jackson.

Other new *Dove* features which made their appearance during the year include the possibility for all data (including those shown in the pNBR details) to be shown in metric units; the presence of a simulator in a tower; (for UK towers) the tower's postcode; and a slight revamp in the presentation of search results which makes it more obvious how to open a webpage showing more of the tower's details and the table of bells therein. We continue to be grateful for the professional IT expertise freely offered to the Council and *Dove* by Sid Baldwin, and to Ron Johnston, our co-opted adviser.

Also we have started work on the implementation of a new underlying database to hold the *Dove* data (on a product called Ffenics - pronounced 'phoenix') and to report from it. Bringing that up to the state of the present application (something which has been developed over a period of almost 20 years) will not be a quick process and it is anticipated that there will be a prolonged period of parallel running until we can be thoroughly confident that all the present and foreseen features are working satisfactorily and that all the data can be transferred across satisfactorily.

The existence and continued updating of the pNBR data within *Dove* seems to have been well-received and we would suggest to Council that – now it has been demonstrated as a viable concept – it is appropriate to endorse this now as an official Council project. No additional expense is envisaged as a result of making that decision, and the Committee for Redundant Bells (the original source of the idea for



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incorporating this within *Dove*) supports this recommendation to Council. In so doing, we do urge members of Council to ask those who have accurate data but which is not yet shown on the webpages to make it available via the facility provided. It is pleasing to learn that some societies (in consultation with us) have felt it appropriate to 'drive' the tower section of their web site by making a link across to the appropriate *Dove* webpage.

We envisage that the task of preparing for a 10th printed edition will soon begin and in close collaboration with the Publications Committee.

JOHN BALDWIN
TIM JACKSON
RON JOHNSTON (*co-opted*)

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 and 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
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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:-

J. C. Baldwin
R. J. Cooles
A. J. Frost
I. Hastilow
J. Newman
J. Wilkinson

The Honorary Secretary is: R. J. Cooles
The Honorary Treasurer is: J. C. Baldwin.

The Trustees' report of the Fund's activities for the year ended 31st December 2008 is as follows:-

The Trustees have been preoccupied during the year endeavouring to see through to fulfilment the schemes where loans, still outstanding at the end of 2007, have been provided to parishes. They are: the use of the bells from the church at Cradley Heath Birmingham in a new ring of bells at St Mary Moseley; the use of three bells from Highfield Liverpool to help provide a new ring of bells at St Alban Wickersley (near Rotherham); and the search for a suitable home for the ring of eight bells from All Saints Northampton displaced by the new ring of ten installed at that church.

In none of the cases was there progress by the year end and the Trustees were of a mind that matters could not be left to wait indefinitely; those who have provided loans to the Fund were entitled to see steps being taken to effect a repayment of the loans.

In the case of Wickersley or Moseley, a failure of the arrangements with the Fund would mean that the bells were returned to the Keltek Trust to see if an alternative scheme could be put together. In the case of Northampton the bells would have to be released for re-use as metal rather than as cast bells for other projects.

With loan facilities fully committed on these three projects the Rescue Fund has not especially been looking for new projects but the Fund is, of course, intended to offer 'demand led' solutions. The future of the ten bells at St John the Evangelist Hanley came into question again during the year – this having been a long running concern. The Fund stood by to assist in the raising of funds necessary to secure their safe removal from the church and subsequent storage but in the event it proved possible for the future of the bells to be secured without the Rescue Fund having to provide cash. Congratulations are in order to those within the Diocese of Lichfield who were able to achieve this.

We have continued in close touch with the Keltek Trust to endeavour to ensure that resources of the Trust and its own Rescue Fund are complemented by the resources that our Fund can provide in case of need.

The Trustees are immensely grateful for the very loyal support of those ringers who have undertaken to provide loans for the Fund – who are universally quick to provide a generous response and immensely patient in awaiting a return for their generosity. As always new promises of loans are welcome and the Trustees hope that Council members will consider offering a loan.

The Accounts for 2008 are set out separately.

R. J. COOLES
Honorary Secretary

Rescue Fund for Redundant Bells

Registered Charity No 278816

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2008

	2008	2007
Incoming resources		
Interest receivable	12	64
Loans from ringers	0	0
Loan repayment (part) from parishes	0	10,000
		10,064

Resources expended		
Loans to parishes	0	20,000
Part repayments of ringers' loans	0	9,920
		29,920

Net incoming resources	12	19,856
Balances at 1 January 2008	256	20,112
Balances at 31 December 2008	268	256

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2008

Current assets		
Debtors: loans to parishes		
(see Note 1)	18,020	18,020
Cash in hand and on deposit	268	256
Total current assets	18,288	18,276

Current liabilities		
Interest free loans		
(by ringers: see Note 2)	5,080	5,080
Net current assets	13,208	13,196

Funds		
Unrestricted	13,208	13,196
Total Funds	13,208	13,196

Note 1:
Three loans to parishes are currently outstanding, viz £10,000, £4020, £4000

Note 2:
Final repayments of ringers' loans will be made when loans to parishes are repaid

J C BALDWIN
9 March 2009

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