



THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS



*Bells for St George's, Ypres,
the new Bell Restoration Committee jigsaw
(Photo courtesy of Alan Regin)*

2018 Annual Meeting Papers

From the President

The various minutes, reports and papers enclosed in this booklet demonstrate the breadth and depth of activities in which the Central Council is engaged, and are an indicator of the current health of change ringing. This prologue gives me an opportunity to express, on behalf of all ringers, my thanks and gratitude for the endless hours of work by so many who serve on Council. Your commitment, given freely and willingly, serves to enhance ringing at all levels – local, regional, national and international.

When we gather for our annual meeting in Lancaster, we need to be especially conscious of the gravity and importance of our deliberations. Calls for renewal and reform of Council's structures and activities have featured loud and clear in recent times. Following the clear wishes of Council representatives expressed at both the Portsmouth meeting in 2016 and the Edinburgh meeting in 2017, we will be asked to consider and vote on an entirely new set of rules. Through multiple stages of drafting and wide consultation, these new rules have been crafted to enable Council to work more effectively for the benefit of ringing and ringers.

In the course of consultation on reform, I have been heartened not only by the level of debate, but also by the sincerity, goodwill and optimism expressed by so many who seek the best for ringing.

Our newly stated mission is for the Central Council to be the strategic leader and public voice of the ringing community, the arbiter of standards; and to promote a milieu in which ringing can flourish. In seeking to achieve this mission, the following six key strategies are actively being pursued:



1. To recruit and develop new learners and new leaders;
2. To engage maturely with the Church and other relevant stakeholders;
3. To continue to raise positive public awareness of ringing;
4. To celebrate and promote the historical legacy of ringing;
5. To promote excellence in standards;
6. To increase direct participation in the central ringing organisation's activities.

Following the mandate expressed in May 2017, and in preparation for the outcome of votes in May 2018, important work has been taking place. I have sought expressions of interest from across the exercise on three occasions, to take part in Executive and Workgroup rôles. The signature theme from those who have responded and joined in this preparatory work is a deep affection for ringing, and enthusiasm for its wellbeing.

Notwithstanding this major focus on renewal, the excellent work of Council has continued unabated throughout the year. The positive public profile of ringing has been enhanced through involvement in such national events as the platinum wedding anniversary of the Queen and Prince Philip, BBC Music Day, BBC Children in Need, and Heritage Open Days. In this fourth year of First World War commemorations, our signature "Ringing Remembers" campaign is not only raising awareness of ringing, but is also providing a welcome boost in recruitment and participation.

So many other highlights are worthy of mention, and are recorded in the various Committee reports herein. Sales of new and existing publications are strong, particularly of the new edition of the *Manual of Belfry Maintenance*; conferences and seminars are enthusiastically attended; Dove services are being secured and enhanced; liaison with key third party stakeholders continues to bear fruit. Collaboration with relevant entities such as *The Ringing World*, ART and the ringing trade continues to be enhanced. In the public domain, we note with pride the honours bestowed on individual ringers by the Queen.

Nevertheless, the challenges facing ringing are many, and it behoves us all to come together as a united Council, providing leadership and good stewardship on behalf of ringers everywhere. The Council has a proud past – it is now up to us to take Council, and ringing, into a bright future.

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

Registered Charity No 270036

The second session of the 43rd Council (121st Annual Meeting) will commence on Sunday 27th May 2018 at Lancaster University, Bailrigg, Lancaster, starting at 5.30 p.m.

Will members please sign the roll and be in their seats by 5.20 p.m.

The afternoon session will be adjourned at 6.30 p.m.; it will resume at 9.30 a.m. on Monday 28th May; adjourn for lunch at 12.30 p.m. and then resume at 2.00 p.m. for the second afternoon session.

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. Report of the Stewards of the Carter Ringing Machine Collection *(p.19)*.
7. Report of the Steward of the Rolls of Honour *(p.19)*.
8. Report of the Stewards of the Dove Database *(p.19)*.
9. Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting *(p.8)*.
10. Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
11. Annual Report of the Council *(p.15)*.
12. Accounts for 2017 *(p.17)*.
13. Motions:
 - (A) *That the Council adopt the Revised Rules of the Council (p.33), the Standing Orders of the Council (p.42) and the other provisions of this Transition Motion below.*

Proposed by Clyde Whittaker (Middlesex County Association & London Diocesan Guild) and seconded by Andrew Wilby (Ancient Society of College Youths).

In this Motion and its schedule:

- a. the “Existing Rules” means the Rules of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers in operation at the commencement of the meeting at which this Motion is agreed.
- b. the “Adoption Date” means the date on which this Motion is agreed.
- c. the “121st Annual Meeting” and “this Meeting” each mean the 121st Annual Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers held on 27th/28th May 2018.

That with effect from the close of the 121st Annual Meeting of the Council held on 27th/28th May 2018:

Rules and Standing Orders

1. the Council:
 - (a) adopts the ‘Revised Rules of the Council’ dated 17th March 2018 to replace its existing rules; and (b) adopts the ‘Standing Orders of the Council’ dated 14th April 2018; now tabled and initialled by the chair of this Meeting (both collectively referred to below as “the Revised Constitution”) to take effect from the close of the 121st Annual Meeting;

The Decisions

2. the Council's Decisions current under the Existing Rules shall have effect as Decisions under Rule 10.4 of the Revised Constitution;

Continuing Officers (Trustees)

3. the following persons holding office under the Existing Rules shall hold office under the Revised Constitution in the respective positions shown below, to serve for a first term ending at the Annual Council Meeting in the year shown:

Current Name	New Position	Term ends in Year
The President	President	2020
The Vice President	Deputy President	2020
The Honorary Treasurer	Treasurer	2021
The Honorary Secretary	Secretary	2019

New Ordinary Trustees

4. the four persons who have complied with the procedure set out in Schedule 1 to this Motion shall hold office as Ordinary Trustees under the Revised Constitution, as referred to in Rule 7.2b) of that constitution;
 5. two of the Ordinary Trustees referred to in paragraph 4 of this Motion (as shall be determined by the President) shall hold office for a first term ending on conclusion of the Annual Council Meeting held in 2019 with the remaining two holding office for a first term ending on conclusion of the Annual Council Meeting held in 2021;

Stewards

6. the persons holding the office of Steward shall each be deemed appointed to hold office in the position of the same name under the Revised Constitution;

Independent Examiners

7. the persons appointed as Independent Examiners shall each be deemed appointed to hold office in the position of the same name under the Revised Constitution for a first term ending at the Annual Council Meeting in 2019;

Other Officers, Committees and Members

8. all other offices and committees established under the Existing Rules shall be discontinued;
 9. Life Members of the Council elected under the Existing Rules:
 (a) shall instead become Fellows for the purposes of Standing Order M2 of the Revised Constitution; and
 (b) shall in addition, while they remain Fellows, be entitled to vote and shall be treated in all other respects as Representative Members for the purposes of the rules (except rules 5.4, 5.5, 5.6 and 9.7), standing orders and policies of the Revised Constitution;
 10. Representative Members elected under the Existing Rules shall be deemed elected as Representative Members under the Revised Constitution; and
 11. the position of Additional Member shall be discontinued and Additional Members of the Council elected under the Existing Rules shall cease to be Members of the Council.

*SCHEDULE 1**Election Procedure for Ordinary Executive Members*

The four Ordinary Trustees referred to in paragraph 4 of this Motion shall be those persons who have complied with the following procedure:

1. They shall either:
 (a) have been nominated for election as an Ordinary Trustee in advance of the 121st Annual Meeting in accordance with the requirements for nominations set out in Rule 11(i) of the Existing Rules; or

(b) (in the event that the number of such nominations is less than four) have been nominated in person by those present at the 121st Annual Meeting.

2. They shall (where more than four persons have been nominated in accordance with this Schedule) have been elected by ballot at the 121st Annual Meeting by members of the Council entitled to vote at that meeting, with each such member able to vote for four persons, as follows:

(a) those four persons receiving the highest numbers of votes shall be elected; and

(b) in the event of a tied vote, the person or persons deemed to have the most votes shall be selected by the drawing of lots.

3. In all other respects the Council’s Existing Rules and conventions governing elections and the conduct of its meetings shall apply.

14. Election of Additional Members:

Jane Wilkinson has become a Representative Member. Robert Lewis retires. The following nomination has been received:

<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Seconder</i>
Robert Lewis	Michael Church	Jane Wilkinson

15. Elections to the Executive: the following nominations have been received; supporting statements are given in Appendix A of this Agenda (p.6):

<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Seconder</i>
David Smith	Peter Harrison	Pip Penney
Ernie de Legh-Runciman	Beverley Furniss	Richard Andrew
Phillip Barnes	David Grimwood	Leigh Simpson
Clyde Whittaker	Phillip Barnes	Tim Hine
Alison Everett	Nick Elks	Graham Hills

16. Workgroup introductions.

17. 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; and to elect Committee members. Nominations received are listed under each Committee; in accordance with Rule 14(ii), supporting statements by the candidates are given in Appendix B of this Agenda (p.7).

(a) Administrative (p.20):
Fred Bone, Robert Lewis, Anthony Lovell-Wood and Jane Wilkinson retire. There are 6 vacancies.

NOMINEE; Proposer; Seconder
JANE WILKINSON; Jane Sibson; Derek Sibson
ROBERT LEWIS; Jane Wilkinson; Michael Church
FRED BONE; Vicki Chapman; Tony Crowther

(b) Public Relations (p.20):
Michael Orme has resigned. Neal Dodge (co-opted), Jacqui Brown, Nick Elks, Beverly Faber and John Harrison retire.

(c) Publications (p.22):
Philip Green and Barbara Wheeler retire.
NOMINEE; Proposer; Seconder
PHILIP GREEN; Howard Smith; Barbara Wheeler
BARBARA WHEELER; Howard Smith; Philip Green

(d) Towers & Belfries (p.23):
George Dawson, Chris Povey and David Roskelly retire.

NOMINEE; Proposer; Seconder
GEORGE DAWSON; Chris Povey; David Kirkcaldy
CHRIS POVEY; Chris Mew; Alison Hodge

(e) Tower Stewardship (p.24):
Ernie de Legh-Runciman and Chris Sharp retire.

(f) Bell Restoration (p.24):
John Barnes and Ken Davenport retire.
NOMINEE; Proposer; Seconder
JOHN BARNES; Peter Wilkinson; Jay Bunyan
KEN DAVENPORT; Peter Wilkinson; Jay Bunyan

(g) Redundant Bells (p.25):
Robert Wood is no longer a Council member. Helen Webb has resigned. Julian Newman (co-opted), Tim Jackson and David Westerman retire.

NOMINEE; Proposer; Seconder
JULIAN NEWMAN; Tim Jackson; Helen Webb

(h) Education (p.25):
Christine de Cordova, Catherine Lewis, Caroline Stockmann and Susan Welch have resigned.

- Veronica Downing, Geoff Horritt and Anne Sladen retire.
- (i) Ringing Centres (p.25):
Philip Bailey (co-opted) and Barrie Dove retire.
NOMINEE; Proposer; Secunder
PHILIP BAILEY; Maureen Frost; Barrie Dove
BARRIE DOVE; Maureen Frost; Paul Marshall
- (j) Ringing Trends (p.26):
The entire Committee resigned in 2016 and there have so far been no volunteers to continue the work.
- (k) Compositions (p.26):
Fred Bone and Fergus Stracey retire.
- (l) Information and Communications Technology (p.26):
Jacqui Brown, Doug Davis, Andrew Hall and Stuart Piper retire.
NOMINEE; Proposer; Secunder
DOUG DAVIS; Phillip Barnes; Christopher O'Mahony
- (m) Methods (p.26):
Fred Bone and David Richards retire.
- (n) Peal Records (p.27):
Richard Allton and Ben Duke retire.
- (o) Biographies (p.31):
Anne Bray and Patrick Hickey retire.
- (p) Library (p.32):
Linda Foddering is no longer a Council member.
18. Ringing Remembers.
19. New Framework for Method Ringing (p.32).
20. Future meetings.
2019 meeting.
An invitation has been received from the Irish Association for 2023.
21. Any other business.

Mary Bone
Hon Secretary

Appendix A Executive Member Nominations – Supporting Statements

David Smith: I am an Australian resident, currently nearing the end of a three-year term as President of ANZAB following a similar term as its Secretary. During that period I arranged or assisted with a review of the Constitution, the setting up of a Funds Committee (relevant to ANZAB's charitable status), the creation of a web-centric database of members, starting an Advisory Panel, and the introduction of ART to Australia/NZ— I have been an ART tutor since 2014.

I was elected to the Central Council in 2016 and joined the Education Committee, and have written three series of 'The Education Column' for *The Ringing World* in that capacity. I was appointed to the CRAG team in 2016, and joined the (shadow) CC Executive in 2017 with particular responsibility for the Volunteer and Leadership workgroup. I am keen to continue to work on the Executive and promote the changes put forward in the CRAG report.

In the world outside ringing, I am a Cambridge mathematician, was a full-time teacher for twenty years, and more recently have set up and managed various companies involved in publishing, IT and education, and

worked as a missionary involved with education in Papua New Guinea.

Ernie de Legh-Runciman: I live on The Isle of Man and am a representative for the Lancashire Association. I am employed by the Isle of Man Government and am responsible for the inspection and maintenance of civil engineering structures on the Island. I am tower captain at St George's, Douglas.

I am a member of the Tower Stewardship Committee and its present chairman. I bring my professional experience to this Committee. I have served on the Education, PR and Ringing Centres committees and am a member of the organising committee for the 2018 CC meeting.

I was appointed to the shadow CC executive last year, and have taken on the oversight, together with the Vice-President, of the Stewardship and Management Workgroup. I have been involved in the formulation of the new CC post CRAG strategic objectives.

I am excited as to what the future holds for our new representative body and am keen to bring my skills and experience to develop this body for the good of ringing, especially in the areas of recognition and representation to outside national bodies that may have influence and effects on the way bells and towers are managed.

Phillip Barnes: Having been privileged to lead the CRAG Team, I am keen to continue to contribute actively to the development of a new Central Council which provide leadership and respond to the opportunities and challenges that ringing now faces. The process of change will not happen overnight but will take several years. During this time it is crucial that the Council and its trustees set a clear strategic direction and encourage others to follow us. New ideas need to be welcomed whether they are about recruitment, tower leadership, how we present ourselves to stakeholders or whatever else. Taking the best of the past and using that as the foundation for a healthy future with a mixture of old and new is key.

I would bring to the rôle nearly 45 years of passion for bells and for ringing, experience of leadership within ringing (at all levels) and also from a career spent as a physician and a medical leader. I have led major change programmes including the merger of two hospital Trusts in Sussex to create what is now one of the most successful NHS organisations in the UK. The future for ringing is bright if we continue to look forwards!

Clyde Whittaker: A teacher by training, most of Clyde's career has been in the IT industry, latterly as board director of a finance company. He is treasurer of Hampstead's Neighbourhood Forum, where he is responsible for transport policy and wrote the transport section of Hampstead's neighbourhood plan. Having taken up student radio whilst at Oxford, he is currently a trustee of a hospital radio station in Surrey and was its chair for six years.

He learnt ringing from 2010 at Hampstead and Epsom. An active supporter of MCALDG, he currently serves as its Training Officer and organised its bid to secure grant funding for a second London Summer School in 2018.

Since joining the Council in 2016 he has contributed to the PR team, taking responsibility for engagement with the BBC on "Music Day 2017" and initiating relationships with DCMS and The Big Ideas Company which led to the "Ringing Remembers" project. In 2016 he was invited to join CRAG where he focused on the Council's governance and wrote the FAQ document accompanying the CRAG proposals. Since last Autumn he has co-ordinated the task of rewriting the Council's rules, working with (among others) David Bleby, Andrew Wilby and Daniel Meyer.

Alison Everett: I was on the CRAG team and shadow Executive, bringing the fresh perspective of a comparatively new and grass roots ringer to the Council reform programme. I have been involved with key personnel in the Ringing Remembers campaign and Volunteer and Leadership group, participating in liaison Skype meetings regarding membership, Terms of Reference and ART collaboration.

I am Communications and Events Team Leader for SCACR, have contributed articles to *The Ringing World*, latterly regarding the Education Committee Simulator and Technology Day of the ART Conference during which I publicised events online in real time over the weekend using a variety of social media accounts, including the Central Council's Facebook page and Twitter feed. When a communication needed to go out to Council members, societies and PROs from the Council President, to take advantage of increased activity online while the Conference was taking place, I sent it.

I am enthusiastic and energetic, networking in my home county of Lincolnshire and anywhere I can, actual or online, taking opportunities to promote my fervour and diligence, at National 12 Bell, ART Conference, visiting District Ring & Walk or observing half a day's M1 course in Stafford en route from A to B.

Appendix B Committee Member Nominations – Supporting Statements

Administrative Committee

Fred Bone: If the motion to replace the Rules should fail, the Administrative Committee will have to continue and will need a full complement of elected members.

Bell Restoration Committee

John Barnes: I am currently the Parish Contact for the Committee and have built up a considerable knowledge

of fund-raising in support of bell restoration and augmentation as well as initial provision. I am retired and am able to cope with the considerable number of requests for help that I receive. I was elected a Life Member of the Council in recognition of my work and I would like to continue this work for the Council.

Ken Davenport: Ken is currently our contact with the bell trade and also responsible for all our printed material. His expertise would be hard to replace.

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

Minutes of the First Session of the 43rd Council (120th Annual Meeting), held in St Andrew's and St George's West Church, George St, Edinburgh on Monday 29th May 2017, at 9.30 a.m.

Present

Life Members: John Barnes, William Butler, Alan Frost, David Kelly, Andrew Stubbs.

Additional Members: Alan Baldock, Robert Lewis, Jane Wilkinson.

Ex-officio: Mary Bone, Tim Jackson, Nigel Orchard, Bill Purvis, Alan Regin, Andrew Taylor.

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

Australian & New Zealand Assn: Peter Harrison, Christopher O'Mahony, David Smith, Derek Williams.

Barrow & District Society: David Hibbert.

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

Bedfordshire Assn: Patrick Albon, Linda Garton*, Richard Horne.

Beverley & District Society: James Blackburn.

Cambridge Univ. Guild: David Richards.

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

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

Coventry Dio. Guild: Annie Hall*, Becki Johnson*, Christopher Mew, Joy Pluckrose*.

Derby Dio. Assn: Andrew Hall, Susan Hall, Gill Hughes.

Devon Assn: Robert Brown.

Devonshire Guild: Lynne Hughes, Fergus Stracey.

Dorset County Assn: Maureen Frost, Andrew Smith#.

Durham & Newcastle Dio. Assn: Howard Smith, Barbara Wheeler.

Durham University Society: Jeff Ladd*.

East Grinstead & District Guild: Kate Wills.

Ely Dio. Assn: Sue Marsden, Sally Mew*, Paul Seaman.

Essex Assn: Fred Bone, Paul Cammiade, Vicki Chapman, Wendy Godden, Stephen Nash.

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

Guildford Dio. Guild: Mike Bale*, John Couperthwaite, Beryl Norris.

Hereford Dio. Guild: Jane Mason, Colin Ward.

Hertford County Assn: Trevor Groom#, Geoff Horritt, Margaret Horritt.

Irish Assn: Vyvyenne Chamberlain*, Don McLean*.

Kent County Assn: Phillip Barnes#, Douglas Davis, David Grimwood, Catherine Lewis, Caroline Stockmann.

Ladies Guild: Rosemary Hemmings*, Helen Webb, Jan Wyatt.

Lancashire Assn: Giles Blundell, Ernie de Legh-Runciman, Beth Ingham.

Leeds University Society: Katharine Thorley*.

Leicester Dio. Guild: Carol Franklin, Arthur Rees.

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

Lincoln Dio. Guild: Philip Green, Christopher Sharp, Christopher Turner.

Llandaff & Monmouth Dio. Assn: Sam Bolingbroke*, Pip Penney.

Middlesex County Assn & London Dio. Guild: Clyde Whittaker.

National Police Guild: William Dowse.

North American Guild: Bruce Butler, Eileen Butler*, Alan Ellis, Beverly Faber.

North Staffordshire Assn: Jan Hine, Tim Hine.

North Wales Assn: Antony Diserens.

Norwich Dio. Assn: Pippa Hughes*, Katie Wright*.

Oxford Dio. Guild: Ken Davenport, John Harrison, Lucy Hopkins Till, Graham John*, Timothy Peth.

Peterborough Dio. Guild: Simon Dixon, Nick Elks, Jane Sibson, David Westerman.

Guild of St Agatha: Anne Bray.

St Martin's Guild: Richard Andrew, James Ramsbottom.

Salisbury Dio. Guild: Tom Garrett, Anthony Lovell-Wood, Julian Newman.

Scottish Assn: Ruth Marshall, Tina Stoecklin#.

Shropshire Assn: Alan Glover, Peter Woolam.

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

South African Guild: James Champion.

Southwell and Nottingham Dio. Guild: Chris Birkby*, Jim Crabtree*, George Dawson, Anne Sladen.

Suffolk Guild: Neal Dodge*, Veronica Downing, Stephen Pettman.

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

Sussex County Assn: Stella Bianco#, Graham Hills, David Kirkcaldy, Rob Lane*, Stephanie Pendlebury*.

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

Truro Dio. Guild: Helen Perry, Robert Perry, Ian Self.

Univ. Bristol Society: Patrick Wheeler*, Robert Wood.

Veronese Assn: David Roskelly.

Winchester & Portsmouth Dio. Guild: Michael Church, Andrew Johnson*, David Mattingley, Peter Niblett, Allan Yalden*.

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

Yorkshire Assn: Andrew Aspland#, Barrie Dove, Janine Jones*, Peter Kirby, Susan Welch.

The East Derbys & West Notts Association, Four Shires Guild, Liverpool Universities Society, Oxford Society, Oxford University Society, St David's Diocesan Guild, Society of Sherwood

Youths and the University of London Society were not represented.

The Chair was taken by the President, Chris Mew.

1. Opening Prayer

Revd Ian Gilmour, Minister, St Andrew's and St George's West, conducted a short service and led members in prayer.

2. Report as to membership and subscriptions

The Hon Secretary, Mary Bone, reported that 66 societies were affiliated to the Council with 188 representatives; there were 11 vacancies. There were 7 Life Members, 4 Additional Members and 6 ex-officio Members. Payment of one outstanding affiliation fee was in-hand. Bob Cooles had been re-elected as an Additional Member in 2016 but had since resigned.

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).

4. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Revd John Baldwin and David Thorne (Life Members), Peter Trotman (Additional Member), Michael Orme (Chester DG), Mark Heritage and David Willis (Guild of Devonshire Ringers), Brynley Richards (East Derby & West Notts Assn), Philip Bailey (Ely DA), Matthew Kemble and Chris Povey (Four Shires Guild), Mark Davies and William Nash (Gloucester & Bristol DA), John Croxton and Gareth Jones (Hereford DG), Tony Crowther (Hertford CA), Alison Brittliff (Lancashire Assn), Lianne Brooks (Leicester DG), Linda Foddering (Middlesex County Assn & London DG), Beverley Furniss (North Wales Assn), Peter Adcock (Norwich DA), Ian Hastlow (St David's DG), Andrew Howes (Salisbury DG), Robin Woolley (Society of Sherwood Youths), Mary Jones and Norman Mattingley (Truro DG), and Jacqui Brown (University of London Society). Further apologies were presented from John Atkinson (Beverley & District Society), Mervyn Way (Devon Assn), Chris Fletcher (Lancashire Assn), Julian Hemper (Salisbury DG) and Eles Belfontali (Veronese Assn). Apologies were subsequently received from James Dann (Cambridge UG).

5. Loss of members through death

Members stood in silence as the Hon Secretary read the names of the following former members who had died since the last meeting: Brian Threlfall (Cambridge UG 1954-1984; Honorary Member 1984-1990; Hereford DG 1996-2002 and Gloucester & Bristol DA 2002-

2008); John Camp (Oxford US 1969-1978); David Beacham (Worcestershire & Districts Assn 1957-1975); Jill Staniforth (Ladies Guild 1951-1981); Freda Cannon (Ladies Guild 1984-2008); Eric Naylor (Bath & Wells DA 1967-1987); Norman Johnson (Durham & Newcastle DA 1984-1999); Ruth Foreman (Middlesex County Assn & London DG 1966-1969); Brian Buswell (Southwell DG 1956-1966); Christopher Roberts (Chester DG 1981-1994); Philip Gray (New South Wales Assn 1957-1962 and Australian & New Zealand Assn 1962-1996); Geoffrey Drew (Honorary Member 1970-1983 and Norwich DA 1999-2005). Robert Perry, Truro Diocesan Guild, led members in prayer.

6. Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30th May 2016 had been published in *The Ringing World* of 14th and 28th October 2016 and on the Council's website. The Hon Secretary noted that a layout error in the Minutes as published in the Supplement of 28th April 2017 had been corrected for the minute book.

The Minutes were approved and signed by the President.

The President asked members wishing to speak to wait for a microphone and to give their name and that of the society they represented. He informed members that the proceedings were being live streamed to the Internet and were also being recorded to assist with the Minutes.

The President reminded members to declare any relevant interest in the bell-related trade before speaking at the meeting. The President asked members to treat each other with courtesy as all members were volunteers and checked that all members had received the necessary ballot papers.

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 28th April 2017, pp429-430)

The Hon Secretary noted that, since the Annual Report was prepared, one additional member had resigned and another society (Durham & Newcastle DA) had become entitled to one member fewer and that the figures in the penultimate sentence of paragraph 4 should therefore read "... 4 Additional Members, ... and 188 Representative Members...". The Hon Secretary added that figures in the Appendix should also be adjusted: 146 representative members (77.6%) were members of the previous Council; there were 42 new members, of whom 6 had previously been members; and 43 representative members of the previous Council were not returning. The name of Alan Roberts (Worcestershire & Districts Association), elected

1987, should be added to the list of long-serving members not returning.

Adoption of the report was then proposed by the Hon Secretary and seconded by the Vice-President, Christopher O'Mahony. Michael Church stated that the dates of Tony Smith's presidency (2008-2011) should be noted in the report. The report was then agreed.

9. Accounts for 2016

(RW 28th April 2017, pp430-432)

The Hon Treasurer, Andrew Taylor, reported that the independent examiners had issued an unqualified report. He noted that, as previously circulated to members, there was an error in the layout of the comparative 2015 figures in the Statement of Financial Activities and that, in the Notes to the Accounts, Interest receivable should be numbered 7 and the numbering of the subsequent notes adjusted accordingly. The net movement of funds for 2016 was a deficit of £21,134 following payment of bell restoration grants of £20,700. Interest receivable was lower than in 2015 and was expected to fall again in 2017. Committee expenses were greater than in 2015. Council Review Action Group expenditure amounted to £1,052 and was budgeted at just over £2,000 for 2017. Total funds, including Gift Aid, raised towards Christchurch NZ were £15,494 of which £10,000 was paid to leave a balance of £5,494. Donations towards the Kilifi project totalled £4,930 of which £2,476 has been paid, leaving a balance of £2,454.

The Hon Treasurer thanked the officers and other members for their assistance during his time in office and offered his support to his successor. He then formally proposed the adoption of the Accounts; Fred Bone seconded and adoption of the accounts was agreed.

10. Election of Officers for 2017-2020

President – Christopher O'Mahony, who had been proposed by Derek Williams and seconded by Peter Harrison, was the only nominee. The President declared him elected.

Vice-President – there had been two nominations for this position: Peter Wilkinson had been proposed by Stefan Zientek and seconded by David Jones; David Kirkcaldy had been proposed by Timothy Hine and seconded by David Grimwood.

Voting was by paper ballot which resulted in David Kirkcaldy being declared elected.

Hon Secretary – Mary Bone, who had been proposed by Derek Sibson and seconded by Stephen Nash, was the only nominee. The President declared her elected.

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

Hon Treasurer – Andrew Smith, who had been proposed by Maureen Frost and seconded by Tom Garrett, was the only nominee. The President declared him elected.

Public Relations Officer – Caroline Stockmann, who had been proposed by Nicholas

Elks and seconded by Kate Flavell, was the only nominee. The President declared her elected.

The President thanked the retiring officers, Andrew Taylor and Kate Flavell, and the Vice-President presented them with gifts on behalf of the Council.

In accordance with Rule 11(i) the retiring officers continued in office until the business of the meeting was concluded.

11. Election of Independent Examiners

Wendy Godden was proposed by Ian Self and seconded by Lynne Hughes. Jeremy Cheesman was proposed by Robert Wood and seconded by Fred Bone. There being no other nominations, the President declared them elected.

12. Election of Additional Members

Two Additional Members would complete their three-year term at the end of the meeting. The following advance nominations, duly proposed and seconded, had been received: Alan Baldock, Tim Barnes and Peter Trotman. After a paper ballot these candidates were declared elected. Thirteen vacancies remained unfilled.

13. Change Ringing for the Future

(RW 28th April 2017, p433)

The President referred to his report, published as an Appendix to the Administrative Committee report, and updated members on a number of recent activities: proposals had been developed to group committees in order to avoid duplication; he had been in frequent contact with York Minster to offer his good offices and request the latest news on the resumption of ringing; a meeting had been held with the Bishop of Bath and Wells on safeguarding issues and an update would be published in *The Ringing World*; he had met Sir Tony Baldry, chair of the Church Buildings Council, prior to his address at the open meeting; agreement had been reached with the National Trust to publicise bell ringing at churches on or near their properties; contact with the Founders' Company had been maintained; designation of ringing as an intangible cultural heritage under the UNESCO convention had been investigated, although the UK was not a signatory; and the Council had reached out to ringers and association officers with the two series of local seminars held in different parts of the country. The President concluded by mentioning contact with the Ringing World Ltd on peal records, work on the Dove database and the possibility of future direct contact with ringers via the new website.

Members commented on the initiative for publicising ringing with the National Trust and on the publicity surrounding the suspension of ringing at York Minster. The President stressed that this was a unique case and that ringers must meet safeguarding requirements at all times and maintain good relations with their incumbents.

Ian Oram thanked the President for all his work on safeguarding. Sue Marsden suggested that members contact their members of Parliament to exert pressure for the UK to sign the UNESCO convention.

14. Motions

(A) Report of the Council Review Action Group

The President repeated his request to members to be courteous to each other in debate and urged those speaking in debates on the motions to be as brief as possible; he reserved the right to guillotine speeches if necessary. The President pointed out that a summary of the report was included in the Central Council Supplement to *The Ringing World* of 28th April and that the full report and FAQs were widely available. He explained that formal notice of this and motions B and C had been given by John Harrison and David Grimwood as Phillip Barnes and Patrick Wheeler were not Council members at the time of the motion submission deadline. The President then invited Phillip Barnes to propose the motion.

Phillip Barnes formally proposed:

That the Council notes the report of the Council Review Action Group.

Phillip recalled the background to the establishment of the Review Group at the 2016 Council meeting, with the adoption of Decision K recognising the changing nature of ringing. The Group had actively sought feedback from ringers; the results of the survey showed which aspects of the Council's work were appreciated and where improvement was required. Further analysis of the survey results had informed the Group's deliberations: the results showed the desired characteristics of a central ringing organisation and the proposals in the final CRAG report presented the means to achieve this. John Harrison acknowledged the efforts of the Group members who had worked hard to produce their report within the mandated timescale. John mentioned the past history of unsuccessful attempts to reform the Council and then formally seconded the motion.

In response to questions, Phillip confirmed that the names of Group members were included in the full report. He thanked those Group members at the meeting and, additionally, Peter Bennett and Simon Meyer who were not present. Phillip also thanked those initial members of the Group who had been unable to continue their participation in its work and explained some of the reasons for this. He noted that the Group had only consulted ringing societies via messages on the Council's email list and had been unable to consult fully with other bell-owning organisations. Guidance and model constitutions / rules on the Charity Commission website were examined [the Commission consult only on specific proposed new rules / constitutions]. Phillip stated that the specific proposals listed in the summary report were interconnected. He confirmed that the Council and its committees would continue to operate as normal until the 2018 meeting; if the proposals were approved the

new structures would operate in shadow form for the next year in order to provide a smooth transition when revised rules could be adopted in May 2018.

Tina Stoecklin, seconded by Kate Flavell, moved that the motion now be put to the vote. This being approved, the motion was put to the vote and carried by majority.

(B) Adoption of proposals A to F in the Council Review Action Group Summary

Phillip Barnes proposed:

That the Council adopt proposals A to F in the Council Review Action Group Summary of Findings and Proposals.

Phillip urged members to commit to a programme of change. He stated that the Council's rules required revision regardless of adoption of the proposals. He then examined each proposal in turn, showing which actions could be undertaken under the current rules, which structures could operate in shadow form during the forthcoming year, which actions required rule changes and which were at the discretion of the officers as trustees of the charity. Patrick Wheeler, seconding, remarked on the wide enthusiasm for ringing shown in the survey and the many good initiatives underway. The proposed changes were largely based on the operating practice of other similar organisations.

Chris Turner favoured the proposals but stated that the current wording of proposal B was unclear: "no more than four other elected members" could mean that no other members were elected to the Executive. He proposed that the phrase "no more than" be deleted; Phillip Barnes accepted this change to the wording.

Robert Wood expressed concern about the lack of time for members to consider information on the proposals; there had not been time for members to consult their societies and the importance of the issues required more time for debate. He stated that these concerns must be addressed and proposed that the motion be amended as follows:

That the Council empowers the officers to take forward proposals A to F of the Council Review Action Group during 2017 - 2018 through consultation with affiliated societies, bringing any necessary detail and rule changes to the Council meeting of May 2018.

Linda Garton seconded the amendment: many ringers and Council members were broadly in favour of the proposals but had reservations about certain aspects. The process of change would not be delayed by further consultation as necessary rule changes could not be made before 2018 in any case. The Vice-President reminded members that the purpose of change was to serve ringing; he noted the low response to the CRAG survey. In debate on the amendment some members supported the call for further time for consultation while others felt that there should be no delay. Phillip Barnes accepted that the wording of the amendment mirrored the original motion but stated clearly that adopting the amendment could delay the process of change. Robert Wood refuted this: adoption of the amendment required the same timetable for necessary rule changes while allowing time for

consultation on the specific proposals. Linda Garton supported change but cautioned that the CRAG proposals could fail unless members' reservations were addressed. The amendment was then put to the vote and lost (61 in favour; 95 against).

In further debate the following points were made: that elections were specified but no mechanism for election was given; that the proposals should be voted on individually; that direct communication between ringers and a central organisation was vital; that there was lack of clarity on how new structures might work in shadow form or in parallel during the forthcoming year; and that, for instance, proposal C implied total change and not a parallel structure. Phillip Barnes responded that the proposals formed a coherent package; that there were ringers outside the Council who were willing to be involved and that it was important that new structures were ready to be operational if rule changes were approved in 2018. The President confirmed that there would be no transfer of powers to any new bodies until May 2018; the vote would be an enabling decision on the principles of the proposed reforms.

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

(C) Adoption of proposals G to I in the Council Review Action Group Summary

Phillip Barnes proposed:

That the Council adopt proposals G to I in the Council Review Action Group Summary of Findings and Proposals.

On proposal G, Phillip gave as examples a need for communications support or for professional administrative support as used by the Association of Ringing Teachers. On proposal H he stressed the need for a neutral respected ringer, who would enjoy the confidence of peal ringers, to lead work on replacing the Decisions. Patrick Wheeler seconded the motion.

Joy Pluckrose asked if there would be a ceiling on the number of consultants and financial commitments suggested in proposal G. Phillip replied that the Review Group envisaged that such paid professional support would be used only for specific tasks and that in those cases it would not be appropriate to set a financial limit.

Peter Niblett, Methods Committee, queried how proposal H would run in parallel with the Committee's own work. The Methods Committee would have a number of new members and was already engaging with others: could it continue to work on "clean sheet" proposals if this proposal H were adopted? Peter further queried how the responsibility of the Executive for the maintenance of a new framework would be implemented. Phillip responded that a fresh and independent approach to revising the Decisions was needed. He agreed that the Methods Committee would be able to continue its work but suggested that this would be both confusing and unnecessary.

Motion C was put to the vote and carried by a large majority.

Members adjourned for lunch at 12.35 p.m. The President reminded members to initial the attendance sheets to signify their consent to membership of The Ringing World Ltd and asked them to notify any items of any other business to the Hon Secretary during the lunch break. The meeting resumed, after the Annual Meeting of The Ringing World Limited, at 3.03 p.m.

The Vice-President (President-elect) stated that members had voted a bold mandate for change; he looked forward to receiving members' support in implementing the proposed reforms.

14. Motions (continued)

(D) Increase in Subscription

The Hon Treasurer proposed on behalf of the Administrative Committee:

That the subscription be increased to £40 per representative member from 1 January 2018.

The Hon Treasurer referred to the Council's continuing underlying deficit and plans for future work; the increase would bring in some £2,000 each year until such time as any change to the basis of the affiliation fee was agreed and introduced. The Vice-President seconded and the motion was carried by majority.

(E) Distribution of the Assets of the Rescue Fund for Redundant Bells

On behalf of the Committee for Redundant Bells, Robert Wood proposed that:

The Trustees having agreed that the Bells Rescue Fund be wound up, it is proposed that, subject to any constraints or conditions attached to the grants when originally made to the Fund, the Central Council delegate to the Administrative Committee the decision as to how the Fund's assets should be allocated and used.

Robert informed members that the last loan to a specific project made by the Fund had been in 2007 and this loan had been repaid in 2010. The Fund had assets of over £14,000 of which £8,500 was on loan to the Keltex Trust. The Fund's Rules stipulated that assets should be distributed for the purposes of church bell restoration. Helen Webb seconded.

Robert confirmed that a number of options, including specific projects, could be considered as recipients of the funds and that loans rather than grants would remain possible. Peter Wilkinson added that the Bell Restoration Committee supported the proposals. The motion was carried by majority.

(F) Terms of Reference of the Methods Committee

Peter Niblett proposed on behalf of the Methods Committee:

That Rule 15(iv) (Terms of Reference of the Methods Committee) be extended as follows:

To provide and maintain the Council's definitions and requirements for change ringing, including methods, calls, and performances, and to consider and advise on all questions arising

from their interpretation; to compile and maintain a library of all named methods with classification and appropriate references, and to maintain a record of historic method names; to commission tools and publications that aid in the understanding and analysis of methods; to adjudicate on any conflicts that occur in method naming, and to request alternative names for methods that may be considered inappropriate; to facilitate the creation and maintenance of standards for the electronic interchange of methods; to promote an interest in technical and theoretical aspects of ringing to ringers at large.

Peter apologised for the incorrect rule number given in the agenda. He confirmed that, notwithstanding the adoption of motion C, the Committee had decided to proceed with both this and the following motion as these motions had been prepared before the CRAG report had been published. Peter stated that the Council needed a technical working group which could, for example, resolve disputes over method names, promote the theoretical aspects of ringing and widen the general knowledge of these aspects. The motion had been seconded by Mark Davies. Graham John added that the Committee had examined their current Terms of Reference and work programme and considered the additional points to be necessary. John Harrison supported this view. Peter responded to a question from Robert Brown on the naming of methods by confirming that reviewing method names was within the Committee's current remit. Stefan Zientek suggested that the last phrase "to ringers at large" be removed as the theoretical aspects of ringing also appealed to non-ringers. Peter accepted this change. The motion was put to the vote and carried by majority.

(G) Amendments to Decision (E) METHODS and Decision (D) PEAL RINGING

On behalf of the Methods Committee, Peter Niblett proposed:

1. That Decision (E) METHODS be amended as follows, to extend the definition of a method to include methods that are false in the plain course:

a. Remove the word "true" from Decision (E)A.2 so that it becomes: "A method is defined by the places made between successive rows of its plain course, which shall be a round block, divisible into equal parts which are called leads. Starting the plain course from a different change does not give a different method."

b. In consequence, some existing blocks will be reclassified as methods, as listed on the Methods Committee web page.

2. That Decision (D) PEAL RINGING be amended as follows, to remove the requirement that the ringing shall be audible outside the tower:

a. Delete the existing Decision (D)A.6 and, if necessary, renumber the following parts of Decision (D).

3. That Decision (D) PEAL RINGING be amended as follows, to make it clear that peals can be rung on bells that produce sound by simulated means:

a. Add a new Decision (D)A.6 and, if necessary, renumber the following parts of Decision (D):

For peals rung with simulated sound:

(a) for tower bell peals, the simulated bells shall all be rung full circle-style by human ringers.

(b) for simulated handbell peals, the simulated bells shall all be rung in alternating up-strokes and down-strokes by human ringers.

(c) the peal report shall state that simulated sound was used.

b. Append the following sentence to the first paragraph of Decision (D)D Record Lengths:

Records using simulated sound shall be kept separately.

4. That Decision (D) PEAL RINGING be amended as follows, to reflect current peal ringing practice:

a. Replace the existing Decision (D)A.9 with the following text: "Bands should strive to maintain a high standard of ringing, and errors in ringing or calling should be corrected quickly."

b. Delete Decision (D)A.10 and renumber existing Decisions (D)A.11 to (D)A.15.

5. That Decision (D) PEAL RINGING be amended as follows, to include a wider range of possible constructions in peals of Triples and below:

a. Replace the existing Decision (D)B.1(c) with the following text:

Not more than one touch in which each of the possible rows at that stage occurs either n or $n+1$ times, for a given value of n greater than or equal to zero.

b. Replace the existing Decision (D)B.3(d)ii with the following text:

a variable cover touch in which each of the possible rows, treated as being at the next higher stage, occurs either n or $n+1$ times, for a given value of n greater than or equal to zero.

c. Replace the existing Decision (D)B.5(e)iii with the following text:

a mixed stage touch, with a cover bell when ringing the lower stage, in which each of the rows possible at the higher stage occurs either n or $n+1$ times, for a given value of n greater than or equal to zero.

Peter explained that these proposals arose from the Committee's consultation exercise and would impose no additional restrictions; if passed, the measures would become effective immediately. Many of the proposals would be included in a "clean sheet" approach to the current Decisions (Motion C, proposal H). On part 3 of the motion, on simulated sound, Peter used the analogy of music played on either a traditional pipe or an electronic organ. The motion was seconded by Leigh Simpson. John Harrison criticised the Committee's approach of applying piecemeal patches to the current Decisions.

Peter then proceeded to explain each part of the motion in turn. On part 1, Stephen Pettman suggested that methods false in the plain course should be listed separately in the collections. On part 2, Peter confirmed that the existing requirements for record length peals would be maintained. A number of members considered that bells should be audible outside the tower and that the motion could encourage incumbents and others to insist on simulated sound being used;

other members noted that sound control was already used and that there were certain towers where open ringing would not be appropriate. Peter Niblett suggested that record length peals using simulated sound could be recorded. Fred Bone proposed as an amendment that part 4 be deleted: the proposed wording would lead to a lowering of standards which many leading peal ringers and conductors strove to maintain. Andrew Johnson seconded this amendment, which was put to the vote and lost. On part 5, Peter explained that the proposal would allow bands to ring a variety of longer lengths, perhaps to mark a significant anniversary. Peter Niblett responded to a number of further comments on part 3, stressing the need for full circle-style ringing. The motion was then put to the vote and carried by majority.

15. Committee Reports

(The reports were published in the Central Council Supplement to The Ringing World of 28th April 2017. The relevant page numbers are shown against each report.)

(a) Administrative (pp432-433)

Adoption of the report was proposed by the Hon Secretary. She apologised to members for typographical errors in the Supplement and thanked Fred Bone and the Ringing World staff for their assistance with its production. The Hon Secretary asked members if they were using the paper version of the Supplement and expected this to continue to be produced; a large majority indicated that this was so. She drew attention to the forthcoming meeting with Historic England and the Church Buildings Council in July and asked members to notify her of any item which should be raised at the meeting. She thanked members for continuing to support the electronic circulation of papers for the meeting and explained to new members that printed copies were only distributed in advance to those members without email. She urged members to notify changes to their email addresses promptly. The Vice-President seconded and invited Andrew Wilby and Ernie de Legh-Runciman to speak on plans for the 2018 annual meeting to be held at Lancaster University.

Andrew Wilby explained that changing the format of the annual meeting to a 2-day conference formed part of the Council's existing reform proposals. Academic venues were generally cheaper than other venues but only Lancaster had suitable accommodation available at the end of May. Part of the affiliation fee had been applied to reduce the cost of attending by representatives and the costs would be recalculated given the increased affiliation fee agreed for 2018. Ernie de Legh-Runciman outlined the programme. The Vice-President noted that the annual meeting would move to early September for 2019 and beyond and the event would be expanded to include a "mini roadshow". Robert Perry queried if a 2-day event would adversely affect attendance and reminded members that an earlier proposal to change the date of the meeting had been rejected at Hull in

2015. The Vice-President confirmed that changing the date was within the current remit of the Administrative Committee. John Harrison supported the change of date now that information on the background and rationale had been made available. Roland Backhurst suggested that a meeting in early September would not be supported by younger members; other members indicated that the end of May was more difficult for those with families. The Vice-President added that discussions on a venue for 2019 were ongoing; the Council intended to work with local guilds and for the event to move around the UK. The report was adopted.

Mike Chester and Tony Smith were no longer members of Council. Michael Church and Derek Sibson retired; Derek Sibson did not seek re-election. Advance nominations for Michael Church and Phillip Barnes had been received and the President declared them elected.

(b) Public Relations(pp433-436)

Kate Flavell proposed adoption of the report. She drew attention to the revised leaflet *Bells in Your Care*, intended for clergy and churchwardens, and thanked Susan Hall for her assistance with this. Kate encouraged ringers to participate in BBC Music Day in June, noted a number of recent radio interviews and outlined plans to ring for the BBC's Children in Need fundraising event in November. Bruce Butler seconded.

Neal Dodge asked how the Committee had reacted to media coverage of events at York Minster and to the issue of ringing as a sport. Kate responded that the Committee always sought to learn from media coverage. York Minster appeared to be a unique case and relations between ringers and clergy were generally good. Kate confirmed that a pdf of *Bells in Your Care* was available for download from the website and referred criticism of the new Council logo to the ICT Committee. Adoption of the report was agreed.

Giles Blundell, Ernie de Legh-Runciman, Kate Flavell and Alan Marchbank retired; Giles Blundell, Ernie de Legh-Runciman and Alan Marchbank did not seek re-election. Kate Flavell, Susan Hall, Vicki Chapman and Mike Bale had been nominated in advance and the President declared them elected.

(c) Publications (pp436-437)

Proposing adoption of the report, John Couperthwaite added that normal discounts could now be applied to orders made via PayPal and noted that a new publication by Bill Butler, *On This Day*, was now on sale. The report was seconded by Beryl Norris and agreed. John noted that the bookstall would be open briefly at the end of the meeting and confirmed that a pdf of the current *Rules and Decisions* would be placed on the website.

Beryl Norris and Jan Wyatt retired. Advance nominations for Beryl and Jan having been received, the President declared them elected.

(d) Redundant Bells (p437)

Robert Wood proposed adoption of the report. He urged territorial societies to address church redundancy issues in their areas and to represent ringers' views to dioceses. Robert paid tribute to Bob Cooles's work for the Committee over many years. David Westerman seconded and adoption of the report was agreed.

Julian Newman and Helen Webb retired. Ian Hastilow and Helen Webb had been nominated in advance and the President declared them elected.

(e) Ringing Centres (p437)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Paul Marshall. Paul noted that the latest edition of *Training Times* was available on the website and would be circulated electronically to members and societies. The Committee had recently sent its annual survey to 41 centres, intended to work closely with the Education Committee in future and had agreed to co-opt Philip Bailey as a member. Barrie Dove seconded and the report was adopted.

Leslie Boyce was no longer a Council member. Philip Bailey, Paul Marshall and Norman Mattingley retired. An advance nomination had been received for Paul Marshall and the President declared him elected.

(f) Ringing Trends (p437)

The President appealed to members to express their interest in work for this Committee. John Harrison asked what steps had been taken by the Council officers since the resignation of the remaining Committee members in May 2016. The Vice-President replied that he had been in contact with Elva and Mark Ainsworth, particularly to secure the Committee records and data, and had also contacted a number of individual members as possible volunteers. He hoped that some aspects of the Committee's work would be conducted by the Education Committee.

The Committee remained without members.

(g) Towers & Belfries (pp437-438)

Proposing adoption of the report, David Kirkcaldy noted that a seminar on bell frame recording had been held in April, the new *Maintenance Handbook* would be passed to the Publications Committee shortly and a maintenance seminar was planned for the autumn. Alison Hodge seconded and adoption of the report was agreed.

James Clarke and Bernard Stone were no longer members of Council. Alison Hodge, David Kirkcaldy and Colin Ward retired. Alison Hodge, David Kirkcaldy and Allan Yalden had been nominated in advance and the President declared them elected.

(h) Tower Stewardship (p438)

Ernie de Legh-Runciman proposed adoption of the report and paid tribute to the work of Chris

Mew on safeguarding issues. The report was seconded by David Mattingley and agreed.

Christopher O'Mahony retired and did not seek re-election. Chris Mew had been nominated in advance and, as President, declared himself elected.

(i) Bell Restoration (pp438-439)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Peter Wilkinson. Peter confirmed that the project funded by SITA at Black Bourton was due for completion in September, the Committee's work would feature in the 2018 *Ringling World Calendar*, the second tranche of awards from the legacy received in 2014 had been made in February, and both these and an award from the Fred Dukes Fund had been publicised in *The Ringling World*. The Committee had received feedback from a number of projects following the announcement of the closure of the Whitechapel bell foundry. Peter reiterated the Committee's thanks to Stella Bianco for co-ordinating the production and sales of the successful jigsaw series, which raised funds for the Council's bell restoration fund, and thanked Chris Rogers for his work for the Committee. The Committee would seek outside advice on charity law and Gift Aid. Peter added that dates of Committee meetings were listed on the BellBoard diary and urged other committees to avoid these dates if possible. Jay Bunyan seconded.

Helen Webb queried the conditions applied to grants: churches which had received grants could be declared redundant and be subject to change of use. Helen emphasised that many restoration projects were largely funded by ringers; conditions should be applied to grants to maintain access if there was a change of use or grants repaid depending on the timescale. The President stated that this was a subject of ongoing discussion with the Church Buildings Council. Peter Wilkinson agreed that the Committee would consider these points and re-examine its criteria for grants and loans. Duncan Walker suggested that the Committee review conditions imposed by other organisations in similar circumstances. The report was adopted.

Chris Rogers was no longer a Council member. Pat Albon and Peter Kirby retired. Advance nominations for Pat and Peter having been received, the President declared them elected.

(j) Biographies (pp439-440)

John Harrison proposed adoption of the report and noted that more biographical records were now available online. The Committee would welcome assistance in establishing links with family history research. Richard Andrew seconded and adoption of the report was agreed.

Bobbie May and Deborah Thorley were no longer members of Council. David Jones and David Willis retired. David Jones and David Willis had been nominated in advance and the President declared them elected.

(k) Compositions (p440)

Proposing adoption of the report, Richard Allton noted that there had been some delays to the uploading of compositions to Don Morrison's website due to changes to the site. He added that the Committee welcomed suggestions for future articles on composition themes for publication in *The Ringling World*. The report was seconded by Paul Flavell and agreed.

Stephen Beckingham was no longer a Council member. Andrew Johnson had been nominated in advance and the President declared him elected.

(l) Education (p440)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Tim Hine. Tim emphasised the Committee's intentions and willingness to work with others. The main focus of its work would be on developing leadership, supporting associations, working with the Ringling Centres Committee and looking at some aspects of the Ringling Trends remit. Lucy Hopkins Till seconded and the report was adopted.

Chris Fletcher had resigned. Tony Furnivall was no longer a member of Council. James Blackburn, Lucy Hopkins Till and Duncan Walker retired. Advance nominations had been received for Lucy Hopkins Till, David Hibbert and Clyde Whittaker and the President declared them elected.

(m) Information and Communications Technology (pp440-441)

David Richards proposed adoption of the report. He thanked those particularly involved with the development and launch of the new Council website: Doug Davis, Andrew Hall, Clyde Whittaker and Caroline Stockmann. Dave also thanked the Scottish Association for the facilities for the meeting. The Committee's future work would focus on the facilities required by implementation of motions B and C. The report was seconded by Doug Davis.

Roland Backhurst thanked the Committee for its speedy response to queries. The President and Vice-President thanked Dave and the Committee for all their work during the year on the new website. The report was adopted.

Fred Bone and Peter Harrison retired. Peter Harrison, having been nominated in advance, was duly declared elected.

(n) Library (p441)

Proposing adoption of the report, Alan Glover noted that the Trollope manuscript was now available online as a number of pdf files and a further manuscript by Trollope had also been added to the website. The Committee's proposed project on peal board images would be put on hold pending clarification of the Library's rôle after the adoption of motions B and C. Ian Self seconded and adoption of the report was agreed.

Jenny Lawrence was no longer a member of Council. Paul Johnson and Sue Marsden retired. Advance nominations having been received for Paul and Sue, the President declared them elected.

Appointment of the Steward of the Library 2017-2020: Alan Glover had been proposed by Linda Foddering and seconded by David Kirkcaldy. There being no other nominations, the President declared him elected.

(o) Methods (pp441-442)

Peter Niblett proposed adoption of the report. Peter thanked the new members of the Committee for their input to its work, emphasised the importance of the methods collections and the need for a robust set of Decisions and paid tribute to Tony Smith's work on the collections. The report was seconded by David Grimwood and agreed.

Leigh Simpson retired. Tim Barnes, Graham John, Andrew Johnson, Leigh Simpson and Derek Williams had been nominated in advance; the President declared them elected.

(p) Peal Records (pp442-446)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Richard Allton. Richard stated that the peal of Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples rung on 24 December 2016 and listed on p446 of the Supplement had in fact been rung for the Ely Diocesan Association. Richard referred to the closure of peals.co.uk, as mentioned earlier in the day at the Ringling World Ltd annual meeting, and confirmed that discussions continued with the Ringling World to ensure that all appropriate data would be available in future via BellBoard. Chris Turner seconded and the report was adopted.

Mark Bell and Adam Crocker were no longer members of Council. Alan Baldock and Chris Turner retired. Alan Baldock and Chris Turner having been nominated in advance, the President declared them elected.

16.

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

(RW 28th April 2017, p446)

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

(b) Appointment of Stewards for 2017-2020

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

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

(RW 28th April 2017, pp446-447)

Proposing adoption of the report, Alan Regin thanked *The Ringing World* for their assistance in continuing to publish details from the First World War Rolls of Honour regularly. He reported that a further 23 names awaited adding to the Rolls. Alan noted that David Willis of the Biographies Committee had discovered over one hundred names of casualties by studying local newspaper obituaries published during the war years which contained references to ringers and ringing; many of these were members of the Devonshire Regiment who fell during the Battle of the Somme on 1 July 1916. Alan concluded by paying tribute to Serjeant E E Sherlock of Runcorn and Private H C Nash of Old Swinford, who died on 29 May 1917. Peter Wilkinson added that a quarter peal would be attempted at Runcorn in memory of Serjeant Sherlock later that day. Robert Wood seconded the report and thanked Alan for all his work. The report was adopted.

(b) Appointment of Steward for 2017-2020

Alan Regin had been proposed by Ian Oram and seconded by David Willis. There being no other nominations, the President declared him elected.

18. (a) Report of the Stewards of the Dove Database

(RW 28th April 2017, p447)

The President explained that John Baldwin, who had been responsible for establishing the Dove database and had served as Steward since 2007, had decided to retire. Presentations had been made to John and his wife Beryl recently at their home in Llandaff. The officers had agreed that the number of stewards should be increased during the transition to a new system hosted on the BellBoard server.

Tim Jackson proposed adoption of the report and stated that he and John Baldwin would continue with their work until the new system was fully operational. Fred Bone seconded and the report was adopted.

(b) Appointment of Stewards for 2017-2020

Tim Pett was proposed by John Harrison and seconded by Paul Flavell. Doug Davis was proposed by David Grimwood and seconded by Caroline Stockmann. Tim Jackson was proposed by John Couperthwaite and seconded by Michael Church. The President declared them elected

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

Report and Accounts

(RW 28th April 2017, p447)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Robert Wood, seconded by Helen Webb and agreed.

20. Future meetings

The President reminded members that plans for 2018 had been outlined during discussion of the Administrative Committee report. He added that an invitation for 2023 had been received from the Irish Association.

Attendance

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

21. Other Business

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

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

(c) The Hon Secretary stated that, with the annual meeting in 2018 formally commencing on Sunday 27 May, the nomination deadline would be 27 March.

(d) The Hon Secretary asked members to supply membership figures for their societies where these had not yet been received.

(e) The Hon Secretary reported that she had been notified during the meeting that Anne Anthony had resigned as a representative member for the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

(f) The Hon Secretary apologised to any new member whose name had been inadvertently omitted during item 3.

(g) Derek Sibson thanked the Hon Secretary, Mary Bone, and the Hon Assistant Secretary, Carol Franklin, for their work for the Council.

Votes of Thanks

The President thanked the officers, committee members and stewards for their work for ringing and the Council throughout the year and thanked members for their support during his term of office and at the meeting.

The President moved a comprehensive vote of thanks to all those involved in the Council's visit to Edinburgh: to the organising committee of the Scottish Association: Simon Aves, Barbara Bell, Ian Bell, Mike Clay, Jonathan Frye, Jenny Holden, Ruth Marshall, Colin North, Ruth Ogilvie, Tina Stoecklin and, especially, to Terry Williams; to all the members of the Association who manned the Reception / Help Desk; to ringing members from local towers who acted as

stewards for the ringing tours; to Association members who acted as stewards at St Andrew and St George's West, and to the tellers and microphone operators; and to all those Association members involved in any way with the arrangements; to the Minister of St Andrew and St George's West, Revd Ian Gilmour, for leading us in prayer, for his speech at the Dinner and for our use of St Andrew and St George's West for the meeting; to the Revd Canon John McLuckie, Vice-Provost of St Mary's Cathedral, for Evensong at the Cathedral and use of the Walpole Hall; and to all the incumbents and ringers of local churches who made bells available during the weekend (applause).

The Vice-President paid tribute to the President's work for ringing during his term of office and presented gifts to the President and Mrs Ann Mew on behalf of the Council.

The President declared the meeting closed at 5.21 p.m. and invested the new President, Christopher O'Mahony, with the badge of office.

Summary of Attendance

	Members		
	Societies Present	Absent	
Fully represented	31	89	
Partly represented	27	64	25
Not represented	8	–	9
	66	153	34
Life Members		5	2
Ex-officio Members		6	–
Additional Members		3	1
		167	37

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

Annual Report for 2017

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

2. The Council’s Trustees during 2017 were as follows:

until 29 May

President	Mr C F Mew
Vice-President	Dr C D O’Mahony
Hon Secretary	Mrs M Bone
Hon Assistant Secretary	

Mrs C N J Franklin

Hon Treasurer	Mr A C Taylor
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from 29 May

President	Dr C D O’Mahony
Vice-President	Mr D Kirkcaldy
Hon Secretary	Mrs M Bone
Hon Assistant Secretary	

Mrs C N J Franklin

Hon Treasurer	Mr A G Smith
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3. The Council’s bankers are Lloyds Bank plc, Butler Place Branch, 1 Butler Place, Westminster, London, SW1H 0PR. Its Independent Examiners are Mr J D Cheesman and Mrs W E Godden.

4. At the close of the Annual General Meeting on 29 May 2017 the Council’s membership comprised 7 Life Members, 4 Additional Members, 6 Ex-officio Members and 188 Representative Members representing 66 affiliated societies. Since then two Additional Members have retired and three Additional Members who were elected or re-elected at that meeting took office; six Representative Members resigned and five of these vacancies were filled, in one case by an Additional Member; three further vacancies were filled and one person ceased to be an Ex-officio Member. Special mention should be made of the resignation of Ian Oram (Kent County Assn 1960-78; SRCY 1978-2018; Hon Secretary 2001-09). During that annual meeting the Council received the report of the working party established in 2016 to review its rules and activities (Council Review Action Group) and approved its proposals. The Terms of Reference of one committee were amended. The President convened a group during the year to prepare new Rules and governing documents for the Council. Subject to any further changes, at the start of the 2018

Council meeting there will be 7 Life Members, 4 Additional Members, 5 Ex-officio Members and 190 Representative Members representing 66 affiliated societies. There are 10 other vacancies.

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

- (i) To promote awareness of and educate the general public in the ringing of church bells and the art of change ringing;
- (ii) To make available advice, assistance and information to church authorities, ringers and ringing societies and to promote good practice on all matters concerned with bells and bell ringing;
- (iii) To encourage development of the art of ringing through innovation;
- (iv) To bring together ringers to discuss matters of common interest and to represent ringers both nationally and internationally;
- (v) To encourage high standards of performance in ringing;
- (vi) To recommend technical standards in change ringing and maintain such records as may be necessary to uphold these standards;
- (vii) To assist in the provision, restoration, maintenance and transfer of church bells.

6. The work of the Council in pursuing this object is for the most part carried out by its sixteen committees and by working groups appointed by them. Summaries of their activities during 2017 are given in the committee reports, which appear elsewhere on the Council’s agenda.

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

- (i) the promotion of public worship by the ringing of church bells;
- (ii) the preservation of the tradition and heritage of change ringing;
- (iii) the encouragement and promotion of high standards of ringing;
- (iv) the provision of financial and specialist knowledge in the support of belfry repairs and maintenance;
- (v) the provision of guidance and specialist knowledge with regard to health and safety, safeguarding, noise control, data protection, fire risk assessment and insurance matters, as they relate to ringers and ringing;
- (vi) the preparation and publication of educational and training materials.

8. The Accounts for 2017 show total funds at the year end of £409,093 of which £241,793 is in restricted funds. Income for

the year totalled £42,125 (including a ‘one off’ legacy of £10,065) compared with £29,151 in 2016. The costs of the 2017 Council Meeting at £2,159 were higher than the previous year (2016 £1,829). We paid the full cost of The Ringing World supplement of £2,431 (2016 £2,191). Council Review and Action Group expenditure was £2,285 (2016 £1,052).

The 2017 figures include further donations for the Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand, bells restoration and the Kilifi project.

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 2018, are available and are likely to be adequate to fulfil the objects of the Council in that year.

10. Reserves policy:

- (i) **General Fund** – the balance on the General Fund is invested to produce income which, together with member societies’ affiliation fees, provides sufficient funds to support the work and activities of the Council. The balance also facilitates cash flow and enables the development of new projects and initiatives.
- (ii) **Education Courses** – the balance provides cash flow to enable the Education Committee to run various training courses, in general the costs are recouped from attendees.
- (iii) **Bell Restoration Fund** – the balance is fully allocated to bell restoration projects and paid on satisfactory completion of the work. Grants are made in proportion to the types of applications received and in accordance with priorities agreed by the Council and reviewed annually.
- (iv) **Fred Dukes International Bell Fund** – Grants from the Fred Dukes International Bell Fund are made in accordance with the terms of Mr Dukes’ legacy. Grants are awarded from the interest on the legacy and reviewed annually.
- (v) **Publications Fund** – the balance represents the stock of publications held and a cash balance to facilitate the production of new titles and the reprinting of existing publications.
- (vi) **Library Fund** – the balance represents the value of the library, which is maintained for use by council members and affiliated societies.

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

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

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

MRS M BONE
Honorary Secretary

April 2018

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017

1. Basis of accounting

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

2. Accounting policies

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

2.1 Incoming resources

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

2.2 Resources expended

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. Grants are accounted for when paid over.

3. Consistency

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

4. Funds

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

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

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

5. Transfers between funds

No amounts have been transferred between funds.

6. Tangible assets and intangible assets

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

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

7. Interest receivable

The interest was received from:

	2017	2016
	£	£
National Savings Investment Bonds	2,223	2,790
Central Board of Finance of the Church of England Deposit	41	181
Other	26	-
Total	2,290	2,971

8. Donations and grants received

8.1 Christchurch, New Zealand

Donations received in respect of Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand, bells restoration following the damage caused by the earthquake to the City of Christchurch are included in the Bell Restoration Fund as a restricted item and, together with the related gift aid, amount to £500. The total amount of the donations received to date is £15,994. A grant payment of £10,000 was made in 2013.

8.2 Kilifi, Kenya

Donations have been received in respect of Kilifi, Kenya, for ropes and a training project. These are included in the Bell Restoration Fund as a restricted item and, together with the related gift aid, amounted to £1,047 in 2017 bring the total available before expenditure to £3,501. Expenditure in 2017 on air fares, visas and UK visiting expenses was £3,145 leaving a balance available of £356.

8.3 RM Kilby Legacy

Other donations to the General Fund amounted to £10,065. This was a legacy left from the will of the late Robert Kilby, with

a condition that a peal of Stedman Caters, organised by the Central Council, be rung each year.

9. Committee expenses

These were as follows:

	2017	2016
	£	£
Administrative	890	670
Bell Restoration	209	237
Biographies	175	83
Education	287	260
Information and Communications	280	1,239
Library	-	-
Methods	-	-
Peal Records	-	-
Compositions	-	-
Publications	15	30
Public Relations	578	578
Public Relations - leaflet donations	(709)	(743)
Redundant Bells	44	89
Ringling Centres	262	121
Ringling Trends	-	-
Towers and Belfries	474	243
Tower Stewardship	67	-
Carter Ringing Machine Steward	275	101
Roll of Honour Steward	-	-
Dove Steward	-	-
Total	2,847	2,908

10. Grants paid

During the year, the Fred Dukes International Bell Fund awarded one grant totalling £900. No grants were paid.

Year	Unpaid brought forward	Awarded in 2017	Paid in 2017	With-drawn in 2017	Unpaid carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
2010	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
2011	200	-	-	-	200
2015	2,500	-	-	-	2,500
2017	-	900	-	-	900
Total	4,700	900	-	-	5,600

During the year, the Bell Restoration Fund awarded thirty one grants. Ten grants were paid.

Year	Unpaid brought forward	Awarded in 2017	Paid in 2017	With-drawn in 2017	Unpaid carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
2017	14,900	25,575 (13,800)	-	-	26,675
Total	14,900	25,575 (13,800)	-	-	26,675

11. Charitable commitments

There were unfulfilled charitable commitments at 31st December 2017 in respect of four grants totalling £5,600 awarded but not yet paid by the Fred Dukes International Bell Fund, and thirty one grants of £26,675 awarded but not yet paid by the Bell Restoration Fund. There is also a charitable commitment to Christchurch Cathedral New Zealand bells restoration in respect of the balance of donations received but not yet paid amounting to £5,994 and, similarly, £356 in respect of Kilifi.

12. Publications fund

Storage and distribution cost of £2,500 was paid to a Council member.

13. Payments to trustees

There were no payments to Trustees.

14. Emoluments of employees

The Council had no employees during the year.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS

Registered Charity Number 270036

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Note	General Fund	Education Courses	Bell Fund	F Duke's Internat'l Bell Fund	Publications Fund	Library Fund	Total Funds 2017	Total Funds 2016
Income and Expenditure									
Incoming Resources									
Affiliation fees		5,970	-	-	-	-	-	5,970	6,030
Worshipful Company of Founders		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000
Other income		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions from friends of Library		-	-	-	-	-	1,369	1,369	2,561
Interest receivable	7	1,202	-	316	723	23	26	2,290	2,971
Sales of publications, books and CDs		-	-	-	-	17,210	2,452	19,662	14,275
Sales of jigsaw puzzles and prints		-	-	314	-	-	-	314	629
Sales of training video/dvd		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Sherbourne Teaching Aids		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Courses and seminars		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stock written back		-	-	-	-	545	-	545	454
Donations re Roll of Honour		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donations to Christchurch Cathedral, NZ	8	-	-	500	-	-	-	500	275
Donations to Kilifi, Kenya	8	-	-	892	-	-	-	892	370
Gift Aid		-	-	155	-	-	319	474	85
Grant from PRS Foundation		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Library outreach day		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Royalties re Three Rings		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	409
Other donations	8	10,065	-	-	-	-	44	10,109	73
		<u>17,237</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,177</u>	<u>723</u>	<u>17,778</u>	<u>4,210</u>	<u>42,125</u>	<u>29,151</u>
Resources expended									
Council meeting		2,159	-	-	-	-	-	2,159	1,829
Ringling World supplement		2,431	-	-	-	-	-	2,431	2,191
Committee expenses	9	2,847	-	-	-	245	1,050	4,142	3,789
Heywood Weekend		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	122
PR Matters Day - net cost		104	-	-	-	-	-	104	-
Central Council Review Action Group (CRAG)		2,285	-	-	-	-	-	2,285	1,052
Regional seminars		101	-	-	-	-	-	101	412
Council and other committee costs		-	-	-	-	172	-	172	84
Courses and seminars		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recruitment leaflets		698	-	-	-	-	-	698	-
Cost of publications sold		-	-	-	-	9,083	949	10,032	7,549
Ringling World DVD expenses		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33
Cost of jigsaws		-	-	40	-	-	-	40	180
Kilifi - cost of project	8	-	-	3,145	-	-	-	3,145	-
Library maintenance		-	-	-	-	-	745	745	1,412
Equipment costs		-	-	-	-	-	280	280	239
Grants for bell restoration	10	-	-	13,800	-	-	-	13,800	20,700
Advertising		-	-	-	-	2,089	275	2,364	2,617
Storage and distribution	12	-	-	-	-	2,500	-	2,500	2,450
Stationery, postage and telephone		36	-	-	-	96	649	781	770
Insurance		2,268	-	-	-	432	-	2,700	2,712
Stock write off provision		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stock written off and disposed of		-	-	-	-	126	-	126	-
Roll of Honour		100	-	-	-	-	-	100	64
Library outreach day deficit		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Depreciation - Library Collection		-	-	-	-	-	1,835	1,835	1,862
Depreciation - shelving		-	-	-	-	-	106	106	106
Paypal charges		-	-	-	-	246	-	246	111
Website		174	-	-	-	-	-	174	-
Sundry expenses		558	-	-	-	-	-	558	-
		<u>13,761</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,985</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,989</u>	<u>5,889</u>	<u>51,624</u>	<u>50,285</u>

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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS

Registered Charity Number 270036

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017 (continued)

	Note	General Fund	Education Courses	Bell Restoration Fund	F Dukés Internat'l Bell Fund	Publications Fund	Library Fund	Total Funds 2017	Total Funds 2016
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	3,476	-	(14,808)	723	2,789	(1,679)	(9,499)	(21,134)	
Revaluation of Library Collection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Net movement in funds		3,476	-	(14,808)	723	2,789	(1,679)	(9,499)	(21,134)
Balances at 31 December 2016		136,290	2,169	49,395	80,857	22,576	127,305	418,592	439,726
Balances at 31 December 2017		139,766	2,169	34,587	81,580	25,365	125,626	409,093	418,592

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS

Registered Charity Number 270036

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

	General Fund	Education Courses	Bell Restoration Fund	F Dukés Internat'l Bell Fund	Publications Fund	Library Fund	Total Funds 2017	Total Funds 2016
Fixed assets								
Tangible assets								
Investments at cost	129,642	-	31,777	80,581	-	-	242,000	252,000
Library Collection	-	-	-	-	-	89,403	89,403	91,238
Library shelving	-	-	-	-	-	636	636	742
Total fixed assets	129,642	-	31,777	80,581	-	90,039	332,039	343,980
Current assets								
Stock	-	-	-	-	6,505	4,340	10,845	11,065
Debtors and prepayments	2,595	-	177	58	-	622	3,452	4,745
Cash on short term deposit and at bank	10,242	2,169	2,633	941	19,206	30,824	66,015	61,940
Total current assets	12,837	2,169	2,810	999	25,711	35,786	80,312	77,750
Current liabilities								
Creditors - amounts due within one year	(2,713)	-	-	-	(346)	(199)	(3,258)	(3,138)
Net current assets	10,124	2,169	2,810	999	25,365	35,587	77,054	74,612
Total assets less current liabilities	139,766	2,169	34,587	81,580	25,365	125,626	409,093	418,592
Funds								
Unrestricted	139,357	-	-	-	-	-	139,357	135,881
Unrestricted - designated	409	2,169	-	-	25,365	-	27,943	25,154
Restricted	-	-	34,587	81,580	-	125,626	241,793	257,557
Total funds	139,766	2,169	34,587	81,580	25,365	125,626	409,093	418,592

Report of the Stewards of the Carter Ringing Machine Collection

Another very quiet year. We had only one request for a demonstration, this time at Taylor's in Loughborough who had an open day in July. In preparation for this we had a brief maintenance session the preceding week, but the machine really needed more attention than time permitted and the demonstration was not very successful, though visitors were pleased to hear the bells being rung, even though the machine had a tendency to jam.

For this year we have already had one demonstration, at the Henry Johnson Anniversary Feast in Birmingham. For this we had the machine home for a more detailed overhaul. The jamming problem was resolved, and although there is a minor problem which does result in the method drifting away at times, it was able to run several plain courses of Stedman Cinques for the attendees. We hope to be able to resolve the outstanding problem before the demonstrations planned for Lancaster in May.

BILL PURVIS
JAMES BLACKBURN

Report of the Steward of the Rolls of Honour

The original Great War Memorial Book and World War II Memorial Book are usually kept in their display case at St Paul's Cathedral along with the new Great War Roll of Honour. However, all three books have been removed whilst the major bell restoration project is in progress. The display case is securely stored in another area of the Cathedral during this period. Once again, the Great War books had been out of the case for several months having been taken to Great War commemorations of ringers who died including the filming at the start of the "Ringing Remembers" campaign. The books are in good condition.

The original Great War Book records the names of 1207 fallen ringers. Research has continued to discover names of ringers who were not originally recorded; the new Great War Book records 176 names, 24 being added during the year. The writer of the new book, Tim Noad, continues to add these names. The WWII Book records 300 names.

During the past year extensive research has been carried out by David Willis of Braunton (and Central Council Biographies Committee) into newspaper archives which have revealed that there are many bell ringers who died during both the Great War and WWII whose names have not been previously remembered. I am currently researching these further with a view to having these included at a future date; this is likely to add well over 100 names to the Great War Roll and more than 30 names to the WWII Roll.

"Rolls of Honour" have continued to be published monthly in *The Ringing World*, and I am grateful to the Editor, Robert Lewis, Will Bosworth and compositor, Chris Caryer, for their help. I am very grateful for the huge amount of

help with family history research from I have received from Yvonne Cairns of Jesmond, Kathryn Pearce of Bradoc, Beverly Faber of Stamford CT and David Willis of Braunton and acknowledge the assistance from Michael Day of Bath and David Underdown of Putney. These Rolls of Honour give details of the ringers who fell in the following month a century ago. All articles included many photographs of individuals, graves and memorials and were published as follows:

March 24th 2017, pp.271–274, giving details of the 28 who fell during the period 1st April 1917 to 21st April 1917

March 31st 2017, pp.294–297, giving details of the 26 who fell during the period 22nd April 1917 to 30th April 1917

April 28th 2017, pp.391–393, giving details of the 27 who fell during the period 1st May 1917 to 9th May 1917

May 5th 2017, pp.456–458, giving details of the 20 who fell during the period 10th May 1917 to 31st May 1917

May 26th 2017, pp.532–533, giving details of the 15 who fell during the period 1st June 1917 to 11th June 1917

June 2nd 2017, pp.553–554, giving details of the 18 who fell during the period 12th June 1917 to 30th June 1917

June 23rd 2017, pp.623–624, giving details of the 16 who fell during the period 1st July 1917 to 17th July 1917

June 30th 2017, pp.646–647, giving details of the 15 who fell during the period 18th July 1917 to 31st July 1917

July 21st 2017, pp.719–722, giving details of the 30 who fell during the period 1st August 1917 to 16th August 1917

July 28th 2017, pp.743–745, giving details of the 27 who fell during the period 17th August 1917 to 31st August 1917

August 25th 2017, pp.838–839, giving details of the 16 who fell during the period 1st September 1917 to 19th September 1917

September 1st 2017, pp.862–864, giving details of the 21 who fell during the period 20th September 1917 to 30th September 1917

September 29th 2017, pp.962–965, giving details of the 26 who fell during the period 1st October 1917 to 13th October 1917

October 6th 2017, pp.985–987, giving details of the 26 who fell during the period 14th October 1917 to 31st October 1917

October 27th 2017, pp.1060–1062, giving details of the 27 who fell during the period 1st November 1917 to 20th November 1917

November 3rd 2017, pp.1084–1086, giving details of the 24 who fell during the period 21st November 1917 to 30th November 1917

December 1st 2017, pp.1184–1187, giving details of the 26 who fell during December 1917

December 22nd / 29th 2017, p.1283, giving details of the 6 who fell during January 1918

January 26th 2018, pp.78–79, giving details of the 7 who fell during February 1918

March 2nd 2018, p.200, giving details of the 4 who fell during the period 1st March to 20th March 1918

March 9th 2018, pp.223–226, giving details of the 21 who fell during the period 21st March to 22nd March 1918

March 16th 2018, pp.251–254, giving details of the 25 who fell during the period 23rd March to 27th March 1918

March 23rd 2018, pp.277–279, giving details of the 12 who fell during the period 28th March to 31st March 1918

It is hoped these will continue over the coming months and right through to the last recorded ringer casualty who died on 12th March 1921 from wounds received in action. There have been other articles by local ringers concentrating on "their" ringer or ringers and I am very pleased to see this.

Contact has been made with all towers that the fallen ringers came from and I am very pleased to report that the majority have been commemorated with ringing on or close to the centenary anniversary of their death. You will have seen many of these on BellBoard and, of course, reported in *The Ringing World*. I am MOST grateful to all who support this ringing and to those Guilds and associations that coordinate these efforts. I am keeping a record of commemorative ringing that has been done which has ranged from tolling a single bell, a special touch on a practice night to quarter peals and peals.

In connection with the website, Doug Davis has been undertaking updates and corrections and Andrew Hall has enabled the links to the Commonwealth War Grave Commission website Cemetery details links to work once again - I am most grateful for their help. The website continues to generate a number of contacts and it is good that this information can be accurately and rapidly updated.

As always I am grateful to ringers and others for supplying information that enables us to remember those who gave their all.

ALAN REGIN

Report of the Stewards of the Dove Database

2017 was probably the busiest year to date for the Dove Stewards. We made 893 updates to the information that we show against a "Dove entry" and 2111 updates to the information held in the prototype-National Bell Register (*pNBR*), the latter representing an 33% increase on the number of changes made during 2016.

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

We list 9 rings for the first time (including **Ypres**, the first ring of bells in Belgium) but no longer list 4 others (namely **Cleator Moor**, Cumbria; **Nairn**, Drumm Campanile, Scotland; **Newton**, Cambs; and **Woolfardisworthy East**, Devon). We have been notified of 10 augmentations, 1 reduction (namely **Stanstead**, Suffolk), 8 rings that are no longer unringable, and 14 rings that are now unringable.

We thank all who have notified us of changes; David Sloman is once again our leading contributor, having provided almost 50% of the *pNBR* updates.

We are pleased to report significant progress by Richard Smith and his team in developing a replacement solution for *Dove* using up-to-date

	Rings			Unringable		
	<i>As at 1 Jan</i>	<i>As at 31 Dec</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>As at 1 Jan</i>	<i>As at 31 Dec</i>	<i>Change</i>
16s	3	3	0	0	0	0
15s	1	1	0	0	0	0
14s	1	1	0	0	0	0
12s	138	138	0	0	0	0
10s	281	283	+2	2	2	0
8s	1893	1896	+3	39	39	0
6s	2931	2933	+2	86	85	-1
5s	601	600	-1	135	132	-2
4s	316	317	1	150	152	+2
3s	976	974	-2	566	573	7
Total	7141	7146	+5	978	984	+6

technology. We expect the *Dove* website to be sharing a server with *BellBoard* in early 2018, after which focus will switch to developing a new *Dove* database.

We are delighted to welcome Doug Davis and Tim Pett as new Dove Stewards and wish them well in getting themselves up to speed as they prepare to take over from the existing stewards. We extend our grateful thanks to John Baldwin who has very kindly agreed to remain as Dove Master until the new *Dove* database has taken over from the existing one.

DOUG DAVIS (*Dove Steward*)
 TIM JACKSON (*Dove Steward*)
 TIM PETT (*Dove Steward*)
 JOHN BALDWIN (*Dove Master*)

Administrative Committee

Since the 2017 Council meeting the Committee has met twice in London in October and March. Advance nominations for committees, agreed in 2016, were implemented for the 2017 meeting. Insufficient nominations were received for the elected positions on the Administrative Committee. Maureen Frost acted as chairman of and contact for Ringing Centres. Robert Wood, chairman of the Committee for Redundant Bells, resigned as a Council member in January 2018 and has not yet been replaced as chairman; Helen Webb has acted as the contact. Members were again updated on the recent annual conference and plans of the Association of Ringing Teachers. The Chairman of the Ringing World Ltd has reported on the future of the journal. The arrangements for the 2018 Council meeting, organised by a small working group with the active involvement of members of the Lancashire Association, were discussed and agreed. Those committee reports received in good time were circulated to the elected members of the Administrative Committee for advance review. Papers for the meeting will again be circulated electronically to those Council members with email (see below under Council Finances).

Reform of the Council: The Edinburgh meeting received the report of the Council Review Action Group and approved its proposals. During the year the President sought expressions of interest from Council members and other

ringers to join a “shadow Executive”, to be appointed as workgroup “leads” and to join workgroups. A new structure, consisting of the Executive and workgroups, with the existing committees re-organised into these by subject, was prepared. An “Away Day” for the shadow Executive was held at Harrow in October to discuss strategy; a further meeting was held at Royston in March 2018. The President convened a small group to produce revised Rules (Crag proposal F); another group was established to work on a descriptive framework for ringing (Crag proposal H). The President has reported regularly on these initiatives by email to members and by articles in *The Ringing World*.

Other matters considered by the Committee included:

Council Finances: The General Fund for the current year (2017) and next year (2018) was reviewed at both meetings, considering income levels and planned expenditure. Committees prepared programmes of activity and expenditure plans to May 2018. If the new Rules are adopted the workgroups will be expected to prepare budgets for the remainder of the year as well as multi-year forward plans. In view of the continued deficit the Administrative Committee agreed that the papers for the annual meeting should not be produced as a supplement to *The Ringing World* but be circulated electronically with sufficient printed copies available at the meeting.

Church Buildings Council & Historic England: The regular meeting was held on 25 July. Sir Tony Baldry, Chair of CBC, had addressed the Open Meeting at the 2017 Council meeting and responded to questions from members. There was a useful exchange of views on diocesan strategic buildings reviews, changes to HLF places of worship grants and on bells in closed or closing churches. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 July 2018. The 2017 DAC bell advisers’ conference was held in Lincoln in June; the 2018 conference will be held in Leicester on Friday 22 June.

Ecclesiastical Insurance Group (EIG): Council’s regular liaison with Ecclesiastical Insurance Group continues. Meetings are arranged through the Tower Stewardship Committee. In 2017 this took place on 13th April, and the 2018 meeting is scheduled for 27th April. The liaison meeting discusses items of mutual inter-

est, including health & safety, risk assessment and mitigation, ringing-related insurance claims, elements of insurance cover and the like. This ongoing liaison provides an excellent channel for ensuring that bellringing continues to be a safe and enjoyable activity for all.

Ex officio:

CHRISTOPHER O’MAHONY
 (*President*)
 DAVID KIRKCALDY (*Vice-President and Towers & Belfries*)
 ANDREW SMITH (*Treasurer*)
 MARY BONE (*Secretary*)
 CAROL FRANKLIN (*Assistant Secretary*)
 RICHARD ALLTON (*Compositions & Peal Records*)
 JOHN COUPERTHWAITE (*Publications*)
 ERNIE DE LEGH-RUNCIMAN
 (*Tower Stewardship*)
 KATE FLAVELL (*Public Relations*)
 LINDA FODDERING (*Library*)
 MAUREEN FROST (*Ringing Centres*)
 JOHN HARRISON (*Biographies*)
 TIM HINE (*Education*)
 PETER NIBLETT (*Methods*)
 NIGEL ORCHARD (*The Ringing World*)
 DAVID RICHARDS (*Information and Communications Technology*)
 HELEN WEBB (*Redundant Bells*)
 PETER WILKINSON (*Bell Restoration*)

Elected members:

PHILLIP BARNES
 GILES BLUNDELL
 FRED BONE
 MICHAEL CHURCH
 ROBERT LEWIS
 ANTHONY LOVELL-WOOD
 PIP PENNEY
 CLYDE WHITTAKER
 ANDREW WILBY
 JANE WILKINSON

Public Relations Committee

We welcomed Mike Bale, Vicki Chapman, Neal Dodge and Sue Hall to the Committee in 2017 and are grateful to them for their contributions to our work. Michael Orme stood down from the Committee, but continues his valuable work for us liaising with the BBC, particularly about Bells on Sunday.

We generally aim to prioritise publicity for two major events each year, but it is often the unexpected and unplanned-for events that create the most work. In 2017 such events included an offer of help from the Government in recruiting new ringers to mark the centenary of the Armistice at the end of the First World War. This has resulted in our major ongoing project, Ringing Remembers, aiming to recruit 1400 new ringers by 11 November 2018 to remember and honour those who died in that war. Prior to this we put a lot of effort into focus groups and proposals for

Armistice100, including liaison with another group asking for ringing to be linked to their “Battle’s Over” project. We were also involved with BBC Music Day on 15 June, with 280 towers around the world taking part. Our President talked to Simon Mayo on Radio 2 as well as teaching BBC 6 Music’s Sean Keaveny how to handle a bell, which led to a 15 minute feature on BBC 6 Music’s breakfast show. The BBC Director General also talked about ringing on Radio 2’s Steve Wright show.



Planned Events for 2017

The two key events we focused on during 2017, apart from our successful *PR Matters* Conference in February and BBC Music Day, were Children in Need (17 November) and the Queen and Prince Philip’s 70th wedding anniversary (20 November). Both events were very close together but both were very well marked by ringers everywhere with much local publicity.

Children in Need

We put a lot of effort into Children in Need, after meeting one of the BBC producers at our *PR Matters* Conference early in the year. The BBC led us to believe that they would be amenable to having the Charmborough Ring in the foyer of Broadcasting House on the day, that they would assist us in gaining significant local radio coverage, as well as other exposure, and that there was a possibility of at least a mention during the main evening programme itself. Unfortunately almost none of this actually happened in the end, but fortunately ringers are much more organised than the BBC and played a great rôle in ringing lots of Pudsey methods and raising money. Although it is hard to say with any accuracy we believe ringers will have raised in excess of £10,000. Also we have follow-up as Blue Peter might be interested in collaborating on something with the National Youth Competition this year, so we are liaising with both of them on this.



Queen’s Platinum Wedding Anniversary

We encouraged widespread ringing for the event, including an article in *The Ringing World* on learning appropriately named methods. We sent to The Palace a record of all 345 special performances (55 peals, 216 quarters and 74 other) involving around 2000 ringers.

More general projects

Completed and ongoing work:

- We had success in terms of getting some stories into national press, including Julie McDonnell and Dennis Brock, taking considerable planning and effort on our part.

- We respond to regular *Learn to Ring* website enquiries. To help us with this we continue to use the list of nominated individuals for each territorial society affiliated to the Council of those who will receive enquiries from those wishing to learn to ring. These individuals will ensure that those enquiring are passed on to suitable active towers where they will be welcome and well taught. We also work with ART to help find good homes for new learners.
- We produced a suite of PowerPoint presentations to be downloaded for use when talking to people about ringing, based in part on excellent ART productions and involving a virtual team mainly from outside CC membership.
- We have produced new flags, banners & flyers as well as a leaflet on *Engaging with the Public* for ringing generally and for the Council in particular. You will see some of these at the May meeting.
- We continue to contribute significantly to the development of the new website and help with its ongoing evolution.
- We are in regular contact with PR Officers for affiliated societies to tell them of forthcoming PR opportunities and about the Council’s work.
- We have continued to distribute quantities of the *Learn to Ring* Leaflet on request.
- We continue our successful relationship with the BBC over *Bells on Sunday* and are also in other discussions with the BBC and Premier Christian Radio.
- We remain active in social media, ensuring that as much news as possible about the Council, and our Committee’s work, is spread in this way for the wider engagement especially of the younger ringing community. We still have much more to do here and would value help.

The future

Several of our members have been working with the new Communications and Marketing Working Group to be created at the May meeting and our future work will be carried on in that forum.

KATE FLAVELL (*Chairman*)
 MIKE BALE
 JACQUI BROWN
 BRUCE BUTLER (*Secretary*)
 VICKI CHAPMAN
 NEAL DODGE (*co-opted*)
 NICK ELKS
 BEVERLY FABER
 SUSAN HALL
 JOHN HARRISON
 CAROLINE STOCKMANN
 CLYDE WHITTAKER

International Reports

Australia and New Zealand

Our steady increase in both membership and towers continues. We have a pleasing number of new-tower projects at various stages of comple-

tion. Notable among the towers to start ringing during the past year is the Holy Family Church at Lindfield, in the northern part of Sydney. This is a light five (2–3–1). This new facility, together with the enormous enthusiasm of Fr Colin Blayney, the local priest who is also a ringer, has produced over 30 new ringers – mostly quite young and all highly motivated. I was very impressed at a recent service ring that Colin managed to keep ringing until 30 seconds before the service was due to start, and still had time to don his clerical attire and start the service on time. Such vitality and enthusiasm are catching!

We remain in a healthy position financially. Jenny Murphy’s bequest, and other donations and bequests that have followed, allow us to continue to assist both training events and hardware projects. New in the last twelve months have been 12-bell practices; this initiative of Jim Woolford is aimed at assisting those wishing to gain experience with 12 bells by gathering the more experienced 12-bell ringers from across ANZAB territory. The next of these is in Brisbane in March 2018.

We’ve seen a growth in the number of mini-rings too; in North Island of New Zealand there’s a new mini-ring in Hamilton and the 6 in Wellington has been augmented to an 8; in Australia, further mini-rings are expected soon in Melbourne (in time for the up-coming festival) and Brisbane. Adam Beer’s “alphabet” mini-ring has recently moved from Perth to the rural town of West Wyalong in NSW (as has Adam!) A number of ringers gathered there to ring in the New Year on the suitably-decorated mini-ring (see photo).

The ANZAB festival for 2018 is to be held in Melbourne from 8th to 11th June, but with some additional pre-festival ringing from 5th June. Please see our website <https://anzab.org.au/> for more details and for on-line registration. We hope as usual to welcome a good number of overseas visitors.

DAVID SMITH
 ANZAB president.



Adam Beer decorating the Alphabet mini-ring to see in the New Year

Central European Association

The CEA is pleased to report that it has enjoyed a successful and active 2017. We have welcomed some new ringers to the Association – some are students studying in The Netherlands and others who are working in Europe. As a result our membership remains healthy.

The Association AGM weekend was held in May and was well attended by ringers from The Netherlands, Belgium, France, UK and Germany. Everyone enjoyed a few days of excellent ringing as well as enjoying the usual excellent Dordrecht hospitality including customary Port and ‘session wine’!! Several good peals of Surprise Major were rung during the course of the weekend and general practice ringing carried on well into the evening.

One of the highlights of the year was Thirza de Kok’s first peal at ’t Kloockhuys in Dordrecht in November. Thirza learnt to ring at Dordrecht and she is also our youngest ringer. She has made fantastic progress and so for her first peal she requested something quite ambitious – 8 Spliced Surprise Major! She rang extremely well and the peal was duly scored – see photo below. We all congratulate her on her fantastic achievement. Here’s to the next one Thirza!



Thirza’s first peal. L-R Margaret Gamble, Paul de Kok, Nicola Bright, Martin Bright, Thirza de Kok, Clive Smith, Mike Trimm, Alan Regis

It has been very exciting to see the Ypres project develop and come to fruition. Several CEA members were present at the dedication ceremony in October and we look forward to more ringing at Ypres in the coming year.

Dordrecht continues to be a popular peal venue for visiting bands and ’t Kloockhuys has been proud to host many visiting ringers from all over the UK who from all accounts have enjoyed the bells and hospitality in equal measures. Of course of special note was the successful attempt by one band to ring 9 peals in a single day in October. A spectacular feat!

If you are living in Europe and would like to get involved with the CEA then please make contact as below. We would be very pleased to hear from you.

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South Africa

South Africa is still a target for visiting ringers and peal tours and most of them are willing to assist us in practising and ringing some of the more advanced skills that we no longer have a critical mass of ringers to achieve on our own. Bob Cater’s band rang the first quarter on the bells at St. Peter’s School in 2016, and Alan Regis’s team were permitted to ring the first peal

on the bells at Fourways Gardens during February 2017. The latter band created some protest from local residents during their peal at Cape Town but, conversely, did enable our own Cameron Mitchell to score her first peal at Parktown. More recently, Janet Archibald from London brought a team of ringers to this country and they also scored several peals as well as joining Parktown ringers for a couple of practice nights.

We lost one member in 2017 due to a terminal illness, Nick Twynham, who had been a long-time member of both the Transvaal Society and the South African Guild. Nick usually attended AGMs at our various ringing centres and was well-known to most of our members, although his health problems prevented him playing a very active rôle in later years. His funeral was held at Parktown on 24th July, the bells being rung “open” in celebration of his life by request of Randa, his widow.

The SA Guild held its AGM at Cape Town Cathedral in December; Simon Milliken has been nominated as Master and Dick Holmes will take over as Treasurer, while Nola Mitchell remains as Secretary. The Guild’s website will be updated in due course.

RICHARD ROBERTS

North American Guild of Change Ringers

During 2017, the North American Guild of Change Ringers continued to grow and now has approximately 600 members. Although the new tower being built at Nashotah, in Wisconsin, has been put on hold, we are optimistic that it will be completed in 2018. A new handbell group was formed in White Haven, Florida and has already scored several quarter peals. Peal ringing continues to produce several new firsts including first as conductor. Visiting bands also rang a number of peals in 2017. A peal to mark the 50th anniversary of the first all American peal band was rung by the Whitechapel Guild, Washington, DC.

We were saddened by the death of Tom Miller, our long standing Membership Secretary, in March and he has been greatly missed. Paul Windels, one of our Founder Members, died on his way to ring for Kent School’s graduation.

Regular events on the calendar have continued to provide excellent ringing opportunities around the Guild, including celebrating the 30th anniversary of the bells in Little Rock during the 7 Towers Festival. A very successful AGM was held in Toronto in September. Our 2018 AGM will be held in Hendersonville, NC. on September 28. Please plan a visit to North America and visit some of our towers and participate in one of our ringing events. www.nagcr.org for more details.

BRUCE BUTLER
 NAGCR President

Zimbabwe Guild

I cannot talk about ringing in Zimbabwe without mentioning firstly economic and political changes during the year. Although the country

officially used the US\$ as its currency, none could be drawn from banks and “bond notes” were introduced. Even these were scarce and the only medium of exchange was electronic banking which, for small amounts attracted charges of up to 50%! The industrial index of the stock exchange increased by 270% in the period between May and October, leading to fears of another period of hyperinflation.

Then on the evening of 14 November 2017 elements of the Zimbabwe Defence Forces seized control of the Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation and key areas of the city in order to deal with the “criminals” around President Mugabe who were responsible for the socio-economic problems of Zimbabwe. On 19 November, ZANU-PF removed Mugabe as party leader, replacing him with Mnangagwa. Eventually Robert Mugabe resigned the presidency and Mnangagwa was sworn in as President on 24 November 2017. This was one of the most peaceful “coups” ever with very little violence from either the military or the public.

What we hope this means for ringing is a more stable economy and that as a result that jobs will be created which will in-turn minimise job hunting in other towns and thus keep the ringers and future ringers in one town or city.

Two general meetings were held during the year, one in Harare and one in Kwekwe. On both occasions ringers made the effort to undertake the 3 hour journey to help support and develop ringing in Zimbabwe.

During the year there were no changes to the band in Kwekwe and due to work loads, ringing was on special occasions only.

In Harare the band participated in the BBC music day but shortly after that had to say good-bye to Roger and Fiona Thomson who, after a lifetime in Zimbabwe, left for economic and family reasons to settle in the UK. We were lucky to replace them with 2 learners, 1 of whom now resides about 2 hours from the city. As a result the band has decided that, for 2018, ringing for service is more important than our Saturday practice, which was often only rounds on 4 bells. Learners are to be taught on an individual basis to suit the pupil and learner, and special ringing sessions will be arranged for visitors as we really do enjoy having the chance to develop all our skills.

TENDAI DZUDA
 Guild Master 2017

Publications Committee

Two major new titles were published. The first of them *On This Day* commissioned by us from the author, Bill Butler, was first made available at the Council meeting in Edinburgh. The second *Manual Of Belfry Maintenance*, received from the Towers and Belfries Committee, was published in July. Both are high quality books produced by Classic Printers (Crowland) Ltd and both have sold well. In addition *Rules and Decisions of the Council (2016)* was produced to be handed out at the Council meeting.

Seven titles were reprinted: *The Beginners Handbook*, *Ringling Circles*, *Standard Eight Surprise Major*, *Kaleidoscope Ringing*, *Manual*

Of Belfry Maintenance, One per Learner, and Method Leaflets, and in addition more Badges were produced. The last three items are part of the Sherbourne Teaching Aids range.

Nineteen titles remain available for download free of charge: Triples and Major for Beginners, Learning Methods, Method Splicing – Practical Hints, Understanding Place Notation, Conducting Stedman, Tower Captain's Handbook, One way to Teach Bell Handling, Teaching Beyond Bell Handling, Getting it Right – Guidance for Officers of Ringing Societies, CC Rules and Decisions (2013), Giants of the Exercise Vol 2, A J Pitman Biography, Collection of Plain Minor Methods, Treble Dodging Minor Methods, Handbook of Composition, Collection of Stedman Compositions, Collection of Grand-sire Compositions, Collection of Ten Bell Compositions, and Collection of Twelve Bell Compositions; and 382 downloads were made by 206 people during the year.

Our best sellers were: New Ringer's Book, Ringing Circles, Teaching Tips, Manual Of Belfry Maintenance, On This Day, and the whole Sherbourne Teaching Aids range.

No appropriate opportunity to charge for downloads using the new Central Council website has yet arisen. We continue to keep a close eye on the possible use of "print on demand" but have not yet had occasion to test it.

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

Considerable effort has been made to help facilitate the process of Council reform and to respond to requests for information. This is expected to continue and we await decisions with interest.

The income from sales rose to £17,200 from £10,200, largely due to sales of Sherbourne Teaching Aids, On This Day, and Manual Of Belfry Maintenance; and income exceeded expenditure by £2,800. The value of stock held rose to £6,500 and at year end the total cash available had increased by £2,400 to £19,260. The fund remains well able to finance any likely future work. The popularity of PayPal transactions again rose and PayPal accounted for about 50% of all sales. Discounts are now available for bulk orders using PayPal as well as for those using BACS and cash payments.

Derek Jones was again closely involved in a consultative capacity, and we thank him for his contributions.

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

Towers & Belfries Committee

The past year has seen some of our projects finally come to fruition. In April we held a one day seminar on Bell Frame Recording. This was

Stocklist at December 31st 2017

Title	Sales to 31 Dec 2017	Stock at 31 Dec 2017
New Ringers Book	321	278
Beginners Handbook	99	93
Towards Better Striking	25	7
Raising and Lowering	50	90
Ringing Jargon Made Easy	5	0
Beginners Grandsire	74	74
Beginners Plain Bob	86	66
Doubles and Minor for Beginners	28	27
Triples and Major for Beginners	18	1
Ringing Circles	415	374
Ringing Basics for Beginners	18	53
The Learning Curve Vol 1	0	1
The Learning Curve Vol 2	5	135
The Learning Curve Vol 3	4	123
The Learning Curve Vol 4	5	156
Listen to Ringing CD 1/CD2	21/11	15/14
Beginners Guide to Change Ringing on Handbells	37	49
Change Ringing on Handbells	13	59
Standard Eight Surprise Major	25	92
Method Splicing	6	4
Will You Call a Touch Please, Bob?	34	37
Service Touches	30	114
Conducting Stedman	16	7
A Tutors Handbook	9	116
One Way to Teach Handling	9	11
Teaching Beyond Bell Handling	9	136
Teaching from Rounds to Bob Doubles	9	79
Kaleidoscope Ringing	46	5
Teaching Unravelled	14	521
Starting a New Band	4	37
Teaching Tips	228	119
Manual of Belfry Maintenance	363	249
Towers and Bells Handbook	11	96
Schedule of Regular Maintenance	48	82
Organising a Bell Restoration Project (2016)	42	81
Sound Management	7	48
Splicing Bellropes	36	70
On This Day	116	92
Change Ringing History Vol 1/Vol3	6/8	119/139
Centenary History of the Central Council	1	64
Giants of the Exercise Vol1/Vol2	2/2	145/21
A J Pitman Biography	2	106
Dove's Guide 10	92	52
Belfry Offices	1	34
Organising an Outing	7	10
Belfry Warning Notices	3	26
Church Towers and Bells	0	19
Getting it Right	1	109
Judging Striking Competitions	15	70
CC Rules and Decisions 2016	0	40
Stedman Compositions	0	6
DVDs	7	13
One per Learner	2530	2468
Follow-on Book	579	1031
Exercise Book	242	845
Method Leaflets	505	79
Bell Club Cards	312	533
Badges	735	1995
20 Questions & 19 Answers	580	850

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arranged by Alan Frost at Wellesbourne and was led by Chris Pickford with assistance from John Eisel. The morning topics covered theory, what should be recorded and how it should be recorded. Nick Molyneux, from Historic England, was on hand to explain when a “statement of significance” was required and how this could be covered. The afternoon was split between two local churches in practical sessions, and ended with a short discussion on the day’s content. We were extremely fortunate to have the services of two of the most well respected experts in this field to share some of their experience with us.



Chris Pickford

In the summer our *Manual of Belfry Maintenance* was completed and sent to the Publications Committee; after final proof reading it was printed and has been generally very well received by ringers. We are indebted to all those who have assisted in the research and publication of the *Manual*.

Work on tower movement by Gordon Breeze is still ongoing; this is an enormous piece of work but it is hoped that the end result will be worthwhile. When complete one should be able to predict the influence that a bell or ring of bells has on a tower. It is, however, already clear that there is a weakness in the calculations of the previous work that has been undertaken on this subject.

Members of the Committee have, in addition, written short documents on a variety of subjects that can be used as a reference for ringers in the future. These can be found on our section of the CCCBR website and cover such things as tower lighting and access. We have continued to submit snippets to *The Ringing World* under the general heading *When did you last do it*.

Looking to the future, work has started on producing a set of Contract Procedure Notes; this is a subject that overlaps with both the work of this Committee and that of the Bell Restoration Committee. We are always able to arrange maintenance courses for local Guilds and Associations, and this is something we will be more proactive in doing in the future.

During the year enquiries have been received from a number of individual towers; the majority of these have been answered without the need for an inspection to be carried out.

As a Committee we have met three times during the year and a large number of us were present in various capacities at the Church Buildings Council (CBC) Diocesan Bell Advisors’ conference held at Lincoln this year. We were also all represented at the CCCBR liaison meeting with the CBC in London. It is always good to have new people joining us in our work, this is important as it will allow the bells to be rung by future generations.

DAVID KIRKCALDY (*Chairman*)
 ROLAND BACKHURST
 GEORGE DAWSON
 ALAN FROST
 ALISON HODGE
 CHRISTOPHER POVEY
 DAVID ROSKELLY
 ALLAN R YALDEN

Tower Stewardship Committee

The Tower Stewardship Committee has had a good year providing help and support to the ringing community, helping steer a path through the minefields of regulations affecting the operation of the bell tower.

As usual, safeguarding played a major part in our work. We are indebted to Chris Mew for guiding us through the subject. A number of items have caused us concern, and Chris has been able to interpret the regulations for us. Chris has held a number of discussions with the CofE safeguarding team on the subject.

We have also received several enquiries regarding insurance, health and safety and environmental issues. Assistance has been offered (and well received) to a number of churches on these subjects. While, as far as we know, there have not been major changes to regulations, we often have situations where church officials appear to bring their own interpretations to these regulations. A number of times we have seen ringers asking for help on various subjects, using social media. We have been able to point them to the various guides and publications on the CC website. This underlines the perception by the CC that ringers don’t think of us in the first instance when looking for help.

The complaints helpline is working well. Several of the enquiries were from non-ringers looking for help in how to complain about clock chimes, but a re-wording of the CC website has reduced this type of enquiry. Help and support have been offered to several churches who are dealing with complaints.

One subject that has generated a large number of enquiries is the forthcoming implementation of the General Data Protection Regulations. Our President, Chris O’Mahony, together with help from Helen Phillips, has put together an interim guidance note on the subject (published on the CC website and circulated to all society secretaries). A further update will be published shortly.

The usual liaison meeting has been held with Ecclesiastical Insurance and the Church Build-

ings Council. The Committee has also considered the Taylor Report on the Sustainability of English Churches and Cathedrals. If this report were to be implemented, it would change the way dioceses give advice to churches, and there may well be opportunities to change the way the Council gives advice to the dioceses and their DACs.

The Committee acknowledges the proposed changes to the Council, following the recommendations of the CRAG report, and will support the new organisation wherever possible.

ERNIE DE LEGH-RUNCIMAN
 (*Chairman*)
 MICHAEL HANSFORD
 JULIAN HEMPER
 DAVID MATTINGLEY
 CHRIS MEW
 CHRIS SHARP

Bell Restoration Committee

2017 has been another busy year, especially as we have a vacancy on the Committee. Despite a mailing to all Council members following the Edinburgh meeting, this vacancy remains unfilled.

John Barnes and Ken Davenport are due to stand down at the Lancaster meeting and are prepared to be re-elected.

The future is somewhat uncertain but the Committee as a whole has offered its services to the Stewardship and Management Workgroup.

- We have taken over the production of jigsaws from Stella Bianco and a new jigsaw depicting the Ypres bells (see below) will be available in time for the 2018 Council meeting.
- The 2018 Ringing World calendar was sponsored by the Committee and features towers that have recently received a grant from CC BRF.
- A total of 31 grants were offered to UK towers and to one overseas. One grant from the 2015 allocation has been paid and 4 projects remain uncompleted. 4 grants have been paid from the 2017 allocation.
- Committee members attended three dedications during 2017 – St Mary Magdalene Taunton (brand new ring), Whitestaunton (augmentation and restoration of a previously unringable 5) and Combe Raleigh (augmentation from 3 to 6 and restoration).
- Contact with parishes remains busy with 19 new parish contacts and 20+ follow ups. Support for ongoing projects continues.



The new jigsaw

Additionally there have been 19 requests for assistance with sources of funding of which only 8 completed the questionnaire required for a search. It is interesting that many enquiries are as a result of internet searches.

- New Guidance Notes have been issued and others updated. These should now be easier to find on the CCCBR website.
- The Committee has discussed its Terms of Reference and recommend that the upper limit for grants is raised to £2,000. The recovery of grants allocated to churches that subsequently closed was felt too difficult to administer.
- We will be organising a seminar on Bell Restoration at the Lancaster Council meeting – all are welcome to attend, whether Council members or not.

Ian Oram will be standing down from Council and as its longest serving member will be sorely missed. He has been a member of the Bell Restoration Committee since its inception and we have all valued his hard work and sense of fairness. We are delighted that he is prepared to continue as a consultant to the Committee.

PETER WILKINSON (*Chairman*)
 PATRICK ALBON
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Committee for Redundant Bells

The Committee met once in 2017 and other business was carried out using email and Facebook.

As at December 2017 the Committee had 39 open cases which it was keeping under review.

The Committee has established contact with the Churches Conservation Trust and developed a protocol for management of its bells. Discussion with the Trust and development of the protocol are ongoing.

Development of a prioritisation tool continues: refinement and further reviews are to be completed.

There have been no calls on the Bells Rescue Fund during the year. The Committee, as Trustees, recommended to Council in 2017 that the Fund be closed down. At the Administrative Committee meeting in October 2017, it was agreed that the balance of the Fund be transferred to the Council Bell Restoration Fund. Closure of the accounts is in progress.

The Committee is now operating under the aegis of the Stewardship and Management Work Group led by Alison Hodge.

The members of the Committee wish to thank Robert Wood, who is no longer a member of Council, for his contribution as a member, and for his commitment and directions as Chair of the Committee for the past three years.

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Rescue Fund for Redundant Bells		
Registered Charity No 278816		
Statement of Financial Activities		
for year ended 31 December 2017		
	2017	2016
Incoming resources		
Interest receivable	13.30	24.18
Every Click (=donations from ringers)	42.59	25.03
Resources expended		
Payments	60.00	10.00
Net incoming resources	55.89	39.21
Balances at 1 January	14867.36	14828.15
Balances at 31 December	14863.25	14867.36
Balance Sheet as at 31 December		
Current assets		
Loan to Kelttek Trust		
Rescue Fund		8500.00
Cash in bank and on deposit		<u>6363.25</u>
Total current assets		14863.25
Current liabilities		
Net current assets		0.00
Funds		
Unrestricted		14863.25
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Education Committee

Introduction As we said in Edinburgh, the Committee made a significant change during 2017. After a period of assessment we agreed to go ahead with a limited number of activities where we thought we could add value. Other activities and plans have been dropped. We have moved into collaboration with ART.

Highlights of the past year

Education Column Currently the third series of *The Education Column* is being published in *The Ringing World*. At the expected rate of publication, the final article of this series will appear around the end of June 2018. There has been an enthusiastic response to these articles, and the Board of *The Ringing World* is currently considering publishing the first three series in booklet form later this year. The articles also become available in PDF format on the CC website a little while after each series is completed. It is hoped to continue the series, and anyone with suggestions or requests for topics should contact David Smith.

Handling posters We have continued to promote the sale of the A3 illustrated handling posters this year. After emailing an advert to all the guilds and associations, numerous requests for them were received and the response from those who bought them was most appreciative. Their enthusiastic reception indicates that this is a really worthwhile venture.

Leadership Workshop – Inspiring Ringers for the Future – The leadership workshop was produced as a joint venture between ART and

the Central Council Education Committee. The topics covered in the 3 sessions are as follows, with plenty of time allowed for discussion and interaction.

1. Leadership skills
2. Recruitment and retention
3. Stakeholders and practical matters [such as safeguarding]

The workshop was run for the first time in October in Stretham in Cambridgeshire and was extremely well received.

Conference run jointly with ART. This two-day event consisted of the ART AGM and conference on Saturday 3 March 2018 followed on the Sunday by a full-day conference on simulators which was organised by the Education Committee. This was pitched at giving people at three different levels of experience the opportunity to talk to developers and try different systems on various dumb bells set up in the venue. The aim was for delegates to go away with new ideas to help their teaching and to know where they can go for more detailed support and advice.

On a weekend affected considerably by weather, it was pleasing that most of the delegates managed to attend though a few were unable to make the conference, and some key presenters and helpers were also missing. Despite this the day went very well, and the initial feedback was extremely positive.

Plans The Committee has been looking at some other ideas and if progressed, these will be included in the oral update at Lancaster.

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 CLYDE WHITTAKER

Ringing Centres Committee

A key task of the Ringing Centres Committee is to survey known Ringing Centres and issue certificates to those which are recognised.

The survey has been updated and redesigned. We think it is now simpler to complete, easier to evaluate and effective at gathering information.

Ringing centres have certain features in common but they are increasingly diverse. We have learned that some long established Centres are struggling or have closed, some are thriving, others will continue to flourish because they are changing the way they work and what they offer. At the same time simulators are being installed in towers that do not aspire to be ringing centres and new ringing centres are still emerging. The situation is very fluid and difficult to monitor.

Some centres have adopted less traditional pathways to achievement – embracing ideas from the *Ringing Practice Toolkit* and the Association of Ringing Teachers.

There is no set pattern for a ringing centre and enthusiasm is crucial but the Committee, aware that some set-ups are more successful than others, is keen to encourage good governance and sound practice.

The advance of technology races on which both presents problems and solves them. A failing sensor can spoil a session but tablets are superseding video cameras, for example.

Likewise “Bell Ringing Centres” on Facebook has become an important, and fast-growing, means of communication where members can swap experiences, seek advice, pass on information, promote events and share concerns. Posts will typically be seen by 80 people within a few hours – and many more after a few days. It can be a lively and effective forum but monitoring it demands much in terms of the Admin’s time.

The next edition of *Training Times* is due out in early summer, as usual.

BARRIE DOVE
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PAUL MARSHALL
PHIL BAILEY (*co-opted*)

Ringling Trends Committee

The entire Committee resigned in 2016 and there have so far been no volunteers to continue the work.

Compositions Committee

The key work of the Committee is to maintain and update the web collection of peal and quarter peal compositions and encouraging new submissions from a wide range of contributors. Many thanks to all our contributors for their wide variety of compositions.

The readily accessible websites are a very valuable resource for conductors. The compositions range from relatively easy to highly complex on all numbers of bells, so there are compositions for all requirements. Over 115 peal compositions and over 60 quarter peals were uploaded to the website in the last twelve months. We also published 2018 date touches in *The Ringing World*.

Our particular thanks go to Richard Allton and Don Morrison for their work as compositions are submitted in a number of formats from spreadsheets to written paper and these have to be carefully collated and checked for accuracy and truth. The web collection is backed up on the CCCBR Web Services account on a daily basis.

The easy access of online compositions and the emergence of other composition web sites, eg complib, means there now appears to be little demand for printed books or compositions to be published in *The Ringing World*. It is difficult to justify the work required to produce and publish new books of compositions.

The best 1,280 website by Stephen Beckingham is a useful resource for composers looking to get the most runs out of methods for quarter peals. However, there seems to be little scope for simpler compositions of standard methods these days as most of the obvious combinations have already been discovered or generated. Breakthroughs in composition tend to be discussed on ringing theory chat lists, reducing the necessity for detailed reviews in *The Ringing World*, although we are perfectly happy to review compositions as required.

The Committee would like to welcome Andrew Johnson to the Committee. Andrew has recently produced a series of three-part compositions of Stedman Triples which will be an interesting addition to the repertoire.

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

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Information and Communications Technology Committee

Following the launch of the new website in February 2017, work has continued throughout the past year to refine and update it. A couple of key changes/enhancements this year have been:

- Migration to the Microsoft Azure platform as our hosting provider
 - Microsoft donate \$5,000 per year of Azure services to non-profit organisations, so this has helped reduce our ongoing costs
- Integration between the Central Council website and our Facebook page, ensuring all news items are immediately posted to Facebook (as well as to our Twitter feed)
- Further development of the database and dynamic elements that support our membership listings, Rolls of Honour and Peal Records
- Provision of a booking system for the Lancaster 2018 Annual Meeting.

In addition to the above, some members of the various committees (notably PR) and the President have been making use of the self-publishing features of the Wordpress system and adding content themselves without the ICT Committee being involved. A great start, but certainly an area that needs to grow as we move forward.

Aside from the main website, there were a couple of other important pieces of web-related work carried out this year:

- *Dove* – the *Dove* website has now been migrated away from the Central Council’s web server and is now running on the Bell-Board server managed by Richard Smith. The changeover was sufficiently smooth that it probably went totally unnoticed by the vast majority of users, however, it represents the culmination of a significant amount of work by Richard and a group of developers and reviewers, with great support from the Dove Stewards. Development work will continue during this year, however, it will still be mainly ‘behind the scenes’
- Ringing Remembers/Armistice 100 – a new website was developed by Andrew Hall solely to inform non-ringers about the cam-

paign and allow them to register their interest in learning to ring.

Things may well be set to change at Lancaster in May, but going forward there are still a number of ICT-related projects on the horizon in addition to any requirements we are currently unaware of:

- Further investigation into the Microsoft Office 365 services available to us, and how they could be used by the Council
- Replacement of the Dove iOS app (work in progress)
- Further solidifying of the Digital Asset Protection project.

A huge Thank You must be given to all members of the ICT Committee for yet another year of hard work and progress.

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Methods Committee

Anticipating its replacement by the new Standards and Taxonomy workgroup, the Methods Committee has not taken on any new work this year. In particular, following CRAG proposal (H) passed at the Council Meeting in Edinburgh, the Committee has stopped its work on reforms to the Central Council Decisions and is not proposing any changes this year.

The Committee’s Method Collections have been maintained, and we again thank Tony Smith for doing this work. These collections are recognised as an important service that the Council provides to the wider ringing community.

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LEIGH SIMPSON
DEREK WILLIAMS
ROBIN WOOLLEY



The online
Dove's Guide
for Church Bell Ringers
can be found at:

dove.cccbr.org.uk/home.php

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

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

Peal Records Committee

The Peals Analysis

We have recorded a total of 4694 peals rung in 2017 and published in *The Ringing World* up to February 23rd this year, of which 3856 were on tower bells, 837 on handbells and 1 on a simulator. The revised total for 2016 is 4913 (4033 t/b & 880 h/b), an increase of 38 over that published in the last year's report. Full details are included in the methods table that accompanies this report. The figures for the last five years are shown below

	Tower bell	Hand-bell	Simulator	Total
2017*	3856	837	1	4694
2016	4033	880		4913
2015	4134	826		4960
2014	4012	772		4784
2013	4231	793		5024

* Published up to the *RW* of 23rd February.

The Yorkshire Association is again the leading society with 384 peals, 103 more than the second place Oxford D.G. with 281, the difference having increased somewhat this year. The leading society for handbell peals in 2017 was the Oxford D.G. with 124, while second place Chester D.G. rang 84; again the difference has increased this year. Fifteen affiliated societies rang 100 or more peals in 2016, one more than in 2015 but still two fewer than 2015. Please see separate tables for details of peals rung for each society and by method / method type.

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

Record peals

There were three record peal rung in 2017, all on tower bells. The record peals are detailed in the Records table below.

Peals not complying with the Decisions on Peal Ringing

There were no peals rung in 2017 and submitted to BellBoard that failed to comply with the CC Decisions on Peal Ringing as amended at the CCCBR meeting in 2017.

Leading Towers

Ten or more peals were rung in the following 66 towers in 2017 (71 in 2016).

- 50 Leeds (RC Cathedral), Sproxtton
- 46 Dordrecht ('t Klokhuis)
- 42 Portsmouth (St Agatha)
- 38 Hughenden
- 36 Huntsham
- 30 East Huntspill (Little Orchard Tower)

- 27 Longcot, Maidstone (All Saints)
- 25 Birmingham (St Philip's Cathedral), Milton
- 22 Bovey Tracey (Wobbly Bobs Campanile), Sheffield (Dore), Thorverton
- 21 Church Lawton (Plantagenet Ring), London (St James Garlickhythe)
- 20 Ipswich (The Wolery, Old Stoke)
- 19 Barrow Gurney, Bristol (St John), Keele (Woodlands), Oxford (St Thomas), Shepton Beauchamp
- 18 Kingsteignton (Kings Ting Tong), Mel-dreth
- 17 London (St Dunstan in the West)
- 16 Thatcham
- 15 Kirby Hill, London (St Magnus the Martyr), Rotherham (All Saints), Saltby, Worcester (All Saints)
- 14 Bradford Peverell, Burton Latimer, Chilcompton, East Ilsley, Great Ryburgh, Inworth, Rothwell (Northants)
- 13 Cambridge (St Mary), Marston Bigot (Pigle Tower), Winford, Yarkhill
- 12 Basingstoke (All Saints), Knottingley, Middleton (Gtr Man), Exeter (Pinhoe), Willoughby on the Wold, Worcester (Cornmarket), Worcester (Barbourne)
- 11 Burnley, Trumpington, Campton, Hanbury, Highweek, York (St Lawrence)
- 10 Bishopstoke, Bristol (Cathedral), Coddington, Daresbury, Marston Bigot (St Leonard), Shoreditch, Spitalfields, Stoke Poges, Tulloch (Last Tower), Wedmore (Bakery Tower), Worcester (Cathedral).

There were also 24 handbell venues where 10 or more peals were rung in 2017 (28 in 2016).

First pealers and firsts as conductor

109 ringers rang their first peals in 2017, but only 106 of these had their peals published in *The Ringing World* up to Feb 23rd. This is a rather worryingly low number compared to the hundreds of first pealers in previous years, but is at least an increase on the 98 recorded in 2016. The number of firsts as conductor has dropped dramatically from 34 in 2016 to only 20 in 2017 (of which only 18 had their peals published in *The Ringing World* up to Feb 24th). These figures tend to confirm the view expressed last year that the number of active change ringers is declining year on year.

Corrections to the 2016 Analysis

There are several alterations to the 2016 Analysis owing to late publication which are detailed below. Corrections relate to tower bells except where specified.

- ASCY Doubles + 1
- ANZAB Major +1 (handbells)
- Barrow & District Society Major + 6
- Bath & Wells DA Minor +2, Major +2
- Derby Diocesan Association Major +1
- Devonshire Royal +1
- Dorset County Association Major +1
- Hereford Minor +1
- Lancashire Minor +1
- Leicester Diocesan Guild Minor + 1 (handbells)

- Middlesex County A & LDG Major +1 (handbells)
- Salisbury Minor +2
- Southwell & Nottingham Diocesan Guild Minor +1
- St Martin's Diocese Caters +1
- SRCY Royal +1
- Suffolk Minor +2 (handbells)
- Winchester & Portsmouth Minor +1, Major +3, Royal +1 (handbells)
- Yorkshire Triples +1, Major +1
- Non-Association Triples +1
- Non-Affiliated Minor +1 (handbells)
- Major +1, Royal +1 (handbells), Maximus +1

The amended methods analysis for 2016 is shown in the 2017 methods table, which forms part of this report. Revised totals for 2016 are: tower bells 4033, handbells 880, total 4913.

The Felstead Project

During the year the work of maintaining the accuracy of the Felstead database has continued. The number of previously unrecorded peals added through John Eisel continuing to search a number of eighteenth and nineteenth century newspapers as they become available on line has dropped to 27. There are almost certainly others still to be discovered by searching through local newspapers not available online; the searches have also resulted in 14 corrections being made. Details supplied by other ringers have resulted in a further 10 peals being added and corrections being made to some 79 others – mainly by comparison with association records. Alan Glover has once again been very helpful in answering a number of queries by reference to materials in the Library; this has enabled a number of corrections to be made and the Committee is grateful to all who have in any way contributed to the accuracy of the database. Andrew Craddock continues to be responsible for all the data for post-1989 peals and downloads the data regularly from *The Ringing World* and BellBoard websites; the Committee wishes to thank him for doing this important work.

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- GRAHAM (BEN) DUKE
- DEREK SIBSON
- CHRISTOPHER TURNER

First peals in methods rung on Tower Bells.

Please note that there are two peals in new methods (North Bank and Pickleback SM) recorded on BellBoard but not yet published in *The Ringing World* and which are therefore not listed below.

- January
- 4 5024 Winter Jasmine Delight Major Yorks A
- 5 5084 Reading Abbey Surprise Major Dorset CA
- 7 5184 Capricorn Alliance Royal Bath & Wells DA
- 9 5152 Brancepeth Alliance Major Lincoln DG
- 12 5074 Hampden Surprise Major Dorset CA
- 12 5040 Bidean Nam Bian Delight Royal Devonshire G
- 18 5120 Greenfinch Surprise Major Yorks A

Analysis of Peals by Society

Table with columns for Society, Tower (4-16), Hand (5/6-12), Simulator (10), and Society Total. Rows list various societies like Ancient Society of College Youths, Australian & New Zealand Association, Barrow & District Society, etc., followed by sub-totals and overall totals.

Analysis of Peals by method and change on year

	TOWER			HAND			TOTAL		
	2017	2016	+/-	2017	2016	+/-	2017	2016	+/-
<i>Sixteen</i>	1	2	-1	0	0	0	1	2	-1
<i>Fourteen</i>	1	2	-1	0	0	0	1	2	-1
Maximus									
Spliced S	26	19	7	11	18	-7	37	37	0
Spliced Treble Dodging	9	17	-8	5	5	0	14	22	-8
Other Spliced	20	21	-1	1	2	-1	21	23	-2
Bristol Surprise	51	58	-7	11	11	0	62	69	-6
Cambridge Surprise	54	62	-8	10	1	9	64	63	1
Yorkshire Surprise	35	41	-6	3	4	-1	38	45	-7
Other Single Surprise	25	25	0	22	8	14	47	33	14
Other	4	4	0	12	11	1	16	15	1
Total	224	247	-23	75	60	15	299	307	-7
Cinques/Maximus	9	10	-1	1	0	1	10	10	0
Cinques									
Stedman	73	68	5	7	10	-3	80	78	2
Other	7	10	-3	0	0	0	7	10	-3
Total	80	78	2	7	10	-3	87	88	-1
Royal									
Spliced Surprise	45	47	-2	13	12	1	58	59	-1
Other Spliced	10	8	2	7	12	-5	17	20	-3
Kent Treble Bob Royal	0	0	0	24	16	8	24	16	8
Cambridge Surprise	77	66	11	47	24	23	124	90	34
Yorkshire Surprise	53	63	-10	16	15	1	69	78	-9
Bristol Surprise	43	53	-10	9	8	1	52	61	-9
London No.3 Surprise	48	36	12	7	1	6	55	37	18
Lincolnshire Surprise	11	11	0	16	13	3	27	24	3
Swindon Surprise	17	24	-7	1	3	-2	18	27	-9
Other Surprise	90*	89	1	13	20	-7	103	109	-6
Single Delight	21	20	1	23	3	20	44	23	21
Other	18	27	-9	21	12	9	39	39	0
Total	343	444	-11	197	139	58	630	583	47
Caters/Royal	0	4	-4	0	0	0	0	4	-4
Caters									
Grandsire	54	62	-8	3	3	0	57	65	-8
Stedman	60	54	6	4	1	3	64	55	9
Other	4	5	-1	0	0	0	4	5	-1
Total	118	121	-3	7	4	3	125	125	0

	TOWER			HAND			TOTAL		
	2017	2016	+/-	2017	2016	+/-	2017	2016	+/-
Major									
Spliced Surprise	327	299	28	69	71	-2	396	370	26
Other Spliced	18	18	9	14	-5	27	32	-5	
Bristol Surprise	189	196	-7	29	25	4	218	221	-3
Yorkshire Surprise	147	178	-31	46	55	-9	193	233	-40
Cambridge Surprise	107	101	6	34	35	-1	141	136	5
London Surprise	55	61	-6	8	12	-4	63	73	-10
Lincolnshire Surprise	32	39	-7	14	23	-9	46	62	-16
Superlative Surprise	48	51	-3	13	11	2	61	62	-1
Lessness Surprise	44	46	-2	5	4	1	49	50	-1
Rutland Surprise	22	26	-4	5	10	-5	27	36	-9
Glasgow Surprise	18	20	-2	0	0	0	18	20	-2
Uxbridge Surprise	12	15	-3	3	4	-1	15	19	-4
Pudsey Surprise	19	14	5	8	7	1	27	21	6
Cornwall Surprise	12	18	-6	2	1	1	14	19	-5
Dereham Surprise	12	10	2	1	0	1	13	10	3
Cassiobury Surprise	11	10	1	1	0	1	12	10	2
Other Surprise	485	520	-35	28	26	2	513	546	-33
Single Delight	184	149	35	7	5	2	191	154	37
Plain Bob	21	33	-12	55	61	-6	76	94	-18
Double Norwich Court Bob	23	39	-16	13	8	5	36	47	-11
Kent Treble Bob	3	1	2	36	43	-7	39	44	-5
Other	75	84	-9	16	14	2	91	98	-7
Total	1864	1928	-64	402	429	-27	2266	2357	-91
Triples/Major	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	1
Triples									
Stedman	66	74	-8	11	17	-6	77	91	-14
Grandsire	55	47	8	0	3	-3	55	50	5
Plain Bob	16	20	-4	0	0	0	16	20	-4
Other	8	9	-1	0	0	0	8	9	-1
Total	145	150	-5	11	20	-9	156	170	-14
Minor									
Spliced surprise	159	172	-13	5	12	-7	164	184	-20
Spliced other	35	23	12	5	3	2	40	26	14
8+ Methods Surprise	63	48	15	2	17	-15	65	65	0
Other	15	10	5	12	11	1	27	21	6
7 Methods Surprise	327	398	-71	16	33	-17	343	431	-88
Other	109	88	21	11	26	-15	120	114	6
2-6 Methods Surprise	19	25	-6	2	2	0	21	27	-6
Other	63	53	10	36	65	-29	99	118	-19
Plain Bob Minor	19	33	-14	26	27	-1	45	60	-15
Cambridge Surprise	43	44	-1	5	8	-3	48	52	-4
Other Surprise	8	16	-8	11	1	10	19	17	2
Other	7	4	3	5	4	1	12	8	4
Total	867	914	-47	136	209	-73	1003	1123	-120
Doubles/Minor	5	4	1	1	1	0	6	5	1
Doubles									
2+ Methods	89	98	-9	0	5	-5	89	103	-14
Grandsire	9	4	5	0	0	0	9	4	5
Stedman	5	11	-6	0	0	0	5	11	-6
Other	4	9	-5	0	1	-1	4	10	-6
Total	107	122	-15	0	6	-6	107	128	-21
Minimus/Doubles	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	1	-1
Minimus	1	5	-4	0	2	0	1	7	-6
Total	3857*	4033	-176	837	880	-43	4694	4913	-219



The new President and Vice-President at Edinburgh (photo by Robert Lewis)

19 5071 Spitfire Surprise Major	Dorset CA	19 5184 Chaffinch Surprise Major	Yorks A	31 5096 Passchendaele Alliance Major	Bath & Wells DA
19 5040 Lochnagar Surprise Royal	Devonshire G	19 5152 Primrose Delight Major	Amersham G	31 5088 Passchendaele Surprise Major	Ely DA
21 5024 Ryton Delight Major	Lincoln DG	19 5040 Tanfield Alliance Major	Lincoln DG		
22 5120 Brock Bottom Surprise Major	Non	20 5080 Defiant Surprise Major	Dorset CA	August	
24 5056 Mountains of Jupiter Surprise Major	V Evesham S	20 5040 Ben Lui Surprise Royal	Devonshire G	1 5088 Pilckem Ridge Surprise Major	W&P DG
		24 5184 Big Monk Surprise Major	V Evesham S	1 5130 Hemingford Grey Alliance Major	Around R
25 5040 Patrington Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	24 5000 Julie McDonnell Surprise Royal	Yorks A	7 5040 Gokyo Ri Surprise Royal	Devonshire G
26 5079 Lysander Surprise Major	Dorset CA	24 5152 St George's Delight Major	St James G	9 5024 Haltwhistle Surprise Major	Lincoln DG
27 5056 Brandon Hill Delight Major	UBSCR	24 5112 Landmark Alliance Royal	Lundy IS	11 5088 Peregrine Falcon Surprise Major	G&B DA
30 5024 Ware Delight Major	St James G	26 5040 Hartlepool Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	16 5024 Fielden Bob Major	Suffolk G
31 5000 Fetter Lane Surprise Royal	St James G			16 5088 Farncombe Delight Major	Amersham G
31 5152 Zechariah Delight Major	V Evesham S	May		16 5088 Stocksfield Delight Major	Lincoln DG
February		2 5088 Kelham Surprise Major	S&N DG	20 5160 Cocking Alliance Major	Bath & Wells DA
1 5152 Wathaurong Surprise Major	S&N DG	2 5152 Malvern Hills Surprise Major	E meets W	22 5088 Garlick Hill Surprise Major	St James G
2 5077 Fairey Battle Surprise Major	Dorset CA	3 5088 Darcy Delight Major	Yorks A	22 5024 Peterlord Little Surprise Royal	S&N DG
2 5056 Candlemas Delight Major	Amersham G	4 5075 No. 5075 Wellington Surprise Major	Dorset CA	24 5184 Brendon Hills Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA
3 5040 Godings Bay Surprise Royal	Peterboro DG			24 5012 Fulney Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
4 5088 Boynton Surprise Major	Devons Soc	4 5760 Half-Sharp's Delight Minor	Barrow & D S	27 5040 Jarl Surprise Royal	Lancs A
4 5184 Nicholson Treble Place Caters	Sussex CA	6 5024 Chopwell Surprise Major	Lincoln DG		
4 5100 Hemingbrough Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	8 5024 Hoddesdon Surprise Major	St James G	September	
6 5088 God's Acre Delight Major	Amersham G	11 5152 Polden Hills Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA	2 5100 Ryton Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
8 5184 Mosman Park Delight Major	S&N DG	17 5120 Blue Tit Surprise Major	Yorks A	6 5120 Coal Tit Surprise Major	Yorks A
9 5079 Gladiator Surprise Major	Dorset CA	18 5083 Bath Abbey Surprise Major	Dorset CA	6 5152 Prudhoe Delight Major	Lincoln DG
9 5024 Mark Delight Major	Bath & Wells DA	18 5058 Felmersham Delight Major	S&N DG	10 5024 Pons Fractus Surprise Major	Yorks A
12 5056 Valise Surprise Major	Suffolk G	20 5100 Hedon Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	10 5080 Jiggery-Pokery Alliance Major	Bath & Wells DA
15 5024 Snowdrop Delight Major	Yorks A	23 5004 Xanthicus Alliance Royal	S&N DG	12 5152 Vishnu Delight Major	V Evesham S
17 5056 Wycombe Delight Major	Amersham G	26 5040 Weston-by-Welland Bob Doubles	Peterboro DG	13 5024 Arlecdon Surprise Major	Lincoln DG
18 5152 Rathby Delight Major	Sproxtton S			16 5100 Greenhead Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
19 5088 Ghost Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA	28 5040 Yarwell Delight Minor	Peterboro DG	20 5152 Menin Road Ridge Surprise Major	W&P DG
20 5040 Hollinside Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	29 5024 Ladymead Surprise Major	G&B DA	20 5120 Pied Wagtail Surprise Major	Yorks A
20 5060 London No.34 Alliance Royal	St James G	30 5152 Dowgate Surprise Major	St James G	20 5152 Slaley Surprise Major	Lincoln DG
22 5088 LXV Delight Major	Amersham G	31 5152 Urmston Delight Major	Lincoln DG	20 5124 Duketown Alliance Major	S&N DG
22 5040 Blaydon Alliance Major	Lincoln DG			21 5088 Xenodocheionology Surprise Major	Dorset CA
25 5040 Clowne Delight Royal	Non	June		24 5088 Barbourne Delight Major	Non
28 5120 Lent Rise Delight Major	Amersham G	2 5120 Monarch's Way Delight Major	Bath & Wells DA	26 5040 Horsegate Alliance Royal	S&N DG
March				27 5152 Magpie Surprise Major	Yorks A
2 5082 Swordfish Surprise Major	Dorset CA	2 5040 Zone Point Delight Royal	Peterboro DG	October	
2 5040 Ben Vane Surprise Royal	Devonshire G	3 5088 Corbridge Delight Major	Lincoln DG	3 5024 Quingentesimus Surprise Major	Yorks A
6 5024 Garlick Hill Delight Major	St James G	3 5056 Malvern Priory Alliance Royal	S&N DG		
7 5056 Zwickau Surprise Major	Yorks A	4 5040 Brighthouse Alliance Major	Yorks A	12 5088 Buckland Dinham Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA
10 5040 Pity Me Surprise Minor	D&N	7 5184 Meadow Cranesbill Delight Major	Yorks A	13 5056 Buzzard Surprise Major	G&B DA
10 5050 Earl of St Germans Surprise Major	Devonshire G	9 5088 Verney Delight Major	Amersham G	16 5024 Bushey Heath Surprise Major	St James G
		12 5088 Arkell's Delight Major	G&B DA	18 5152 Tynemouth Surprise Major	Lincoln DG
10 5012 Roscoff Alliance Major	G&B DA	13 5024 Trudoxhill Delight Major	Bath & Wells DA	18 5096 Kingstown Alliance Major	S&N DG
13 5104 Nu.Q™ Alliance Maximus	Volition	14 5100 Hughenden Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	19 5136 Fanglemcmgledandrum	Bath & Wells DA
14 5152 Antigua Delight Major	Lancs A	15 5152 Pendleton Surprise Major	Lancs A	19 5096 Jamestown Alliance Major	S&N DG
16 5052 Earl of Radnor Surprise Major	Dorset CA	19 5024 Scargill House Surprise Major	Coventry DG	24 5004 Chapelgate Alliance Royal	S&N DG
16 5040 Slioch Surprise Royal	Devonshire G			25 5088 Greenhead Delight Major	Lincoln DG
18 5040 SONNOS Surprise Maximus	Non	19 5088 Aviemore Delight Major	St James G	25 5152 Michaelmas Daisy Delight Major	Yorks A
18 5040 Julie McDonnell Bob Major	Kent CA	20 5088 Brown Windsor Delight Major	Bath & Wells DA	25 5012 Clitheroe Alliance Major	Lancs A
19 5032 My Ding-a-Ling Alliance Major	Bath & Wells DA	27 5104 Underbank Alliance Royal	S&N DG	26 5040 Beinn Dearg Delight Royal	Devonshire G
		28 5124 Zeal Hill Alliance Major	S&N DG	November	
22 5088 Dunnock Surprise Major	Yorks A	30 5088 Hampden Delight Major	Amersham G	2 5088 It-ta-mayka-no-seeeen-sa! Alliance Major	Bath & Wells DA
22 5120 Boveney Delight Major	Amersham G			3 5004 Silvergate Alliance Royal	Peterboro DG
22 5010 Frampton Marsh Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	July		9 5040 Khazi Alliance Major	Bath & Wells DA
		1 5088 Watercress Line Surprise Major	Guildford DG	11 5040 Radio Leicester Golden Anniversary	Leicester DG
24 5040 Bedford Alliance Major	S&N DG			15 5152 Robin Redbreast Surprise Major	Yorks A
25 5088 Emily Charlotte Surprise Major	G&B DA	1 5184 Launceston Castle Delight Major	G&B DA	19 5184 Yogi Bear Surprise Major	Bath & Wells DA
26 5010 Illston Alliance Major	S&N DG	1 5088 Roos Delight Major	Bev & Dist S		
27 5152 Hitchin Delight Major	St James G	4 5184 Uppgate Surprise Major	S&N DG	22 5010 Corbridge Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
28 5040 Rotherby Surprise Royal	S&N DG	5 5100 Shotley Bridge Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	23 5160 Luciphistication Alliance Major	Bath & Wells DA
29 5152 Old Market Surprise Major	G&B DA	9 5152 Dordrecht Surprise Major	S Thomas S		
29 5010 Beamish Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	11 5024 Timsbury Bottom Delight Major	Devonshire G	27 5088 Searight Delight Major	Amersham G
April				28 5100 Kettle Alliance Major	Coventry DG
1 5184 Hursley Surprise Maximus	W&P DG	12 5040 Riding Mill Alliance Major	Lincoln DG	28 5040 Walkington Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
1 5040 Northampton Alliance Royal	S&N DG	13 5022 Millom Alliance Major	Dorset CA	28 5040 Newthorpe Delight Royal	S&N DG
6 5072 Hurricane Surprise Major	Dorset CA	16 5088 King's Lynn Festival Delight Major	St James G	29 5040 Prudhoe Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
7 5120 Alternative Surprise Major	Middx & London DG			30 5040 St Andrew Alliance Royal	Lancs A
		17 5130 Faringdon Alliance Major	G&B DA		
9 5120 Joy Delight Major	ANZAB	19 5024 Great Spotted Woodpecker Surprise Major	Yorks A		
9 5152 Nemo Surprise Major	S Blaise S				
13 5051 Earl Bathurst Surprise Major	Dorset CA	19 5040 Denmisch Surprise Royal	Devons Soc		
14 5088 Penarth Surprise Major	Suffolk G	28 5152 Red Kite Surprise Major	G&B DA		
14 5184 Xit Surprise Major	Suffolk G	30 5088 Newton Abbot Delight Major	Bath & Wells DA		
18 5088 Knackers Knowle Surprise Major	Devonshire G	30 5024 Rasputin Delight Major	G&B DA		

December

1	5040 Highamferrers Surprise Royal	Peterboro DG
1	5055 Yorkshire Alliance Royal	Lancs A
5	5088 Xirdalan Surprise Major	Peterboro DG
5	5120 Westeros Delight Major	Non
7	5100 Noel Alliance Major	Bath & Wells DA
8	5088 Goblin Combe Surprise Major	G&B DA
8	5088 Haddington Hill Delight Major	
		Amersham G
13	5152 Lintzford Surprise Major	Lincoln DG
19	5088 Yabba Dabba Doo! Surprise Major	
		Devonshire G
20	5184 Nihonium Surprise Major	Yorks A
20	5088 Billingborough Treble Place Major	
		Lincoln DG
21	5040 G.J.Churchward Surprise Royal	
		Bath & Wells DA
23	5152 G.J.Churchward Surprise Major	
		Bath & Wells DA
26	5152 Jolly Roger's Delight Major	Devonshire G
27	5088 Oakworth Surprise Major	Oxford DG
27	5100 Stoke Poges Alliance Major	Lincoln DG
28	5148 Myrmica Alliance Major	Dorset CA
30	5069 IKB Surprise Major	Worcs & Dists

First peals in methods on Handbells

January

12	5040 Wragby Delight Minor	W&P DG
31	5056 Ashton-under-Lyne Surprise Major	Hereford DG

February

5	5152 President Delight Major	Lincoln DG
7	5056 Bottesford Surprise Major	Hereford DG
12	5040 Wyville Surprise Royal	Lincoln DG
14	5056 Dereham Surprise Major	Hereford DG
14	5056 Christchurch Surprise Major	Hereford DG
16	5040 Charlwood Delight Minor	W&P DG

March

7	5152 Erdington Surprise Major	Hereford DG
14	5152 Fluorine Surprise Major	Hereford DG

April

2	5056 Guinness Delight Major	Lincoln DG
11	5152 Grantchester Surprise Major	Hereford DG
18	5056 Harpenden Surprise Major	
		Hereford DG
23	5040 Ventongimps Delight Royal	Lincoln DG
27	5040 Neasden Delight Minor	W&P DG

May

2	5152 Iridium Surprise Major	Hereford DG
7	5040 A'Chailleach Delight Royal	W&P DG
14	5040 Ecclefechan Delight Royal	Lincoln DG
21	5040 Golden Wedding Delight Royal	Lincoln DG
23	5058 Johannesburg Surprise Major	
		Hereford DG

June

11	5040 Xenophon Delight Royal	W&P DG
18	5040 Quaffed Delight Royal	Lincoln DG
20	5056 Kinver Surprise Major	Hereford DG
25	5040 Meldreth Village Delight Royal	Lincoln DG
26	5088 Smallbrook Surprise Maximus	
		G St Cuileain
27	5056 Langley Surprise Major	Hereford DG

July

12	5040 Abigail Delight Maximus	Oxford DG
14	5040 Wild Raven Delight Royal	G St Cuileain
16	5040 Regnum Diutissime Delight Royal	
		W&P DG
17	5042 Bow Lane Surprise Maximus	G St Cuileain
18	5152 Meldreth Surprise Major	Hereford DG

August

8	5056 Nicaragua Surprise Major	Hereford DG
13	5040 Llanbadarn Fawr Delight Royal	Lincoln DG
22	5120 Oswaldtwistle Surprise Major	Hereford DG
27	5056 Sumorsaete Ealle Delight Major	Lincoln DG
29	5184 Palgrave Surprise Major	Hereford DG

September

3	5040 Westhawe Delight Royal	W&P DG
10	5056 Ian's Delight Major	Lincoln DG
12	5056 Quernmore Surprise Major	Hereford DG
26	5152 Ross-on-Wye Surprise Major	Hereford DG

October

4	5088 Frog Island Surprise Maximus	Oxford DG
8	5040 Bretton Delight Royal	Lincoln DG
9	5088 Roaring Meg Surprise Maximus	
		G St Cuileain
15	5040 Coalville Delight Royal	Lincoln DG
22	5040 Jenner Delight Royal	Lincoln DG
24	5120 Samarium Surprise Major	Hereford DG
31	5120 Truro Surprise Major	Hereford DG

November

7	5152 Upchurch Surprise Major	Hereford DG
8	5086 Cassiobury Surprise Maximus	Oxford DG
14	5056 Velindre Surprise Major	Hereford DG
21	5120 Welshpool Surprise Major	Hereford DG
22	5088 Platinum Surprise Maximus	Oxford DG
26	5040 Sgurr Na Lapaich Delight Royal	W&P DG
27	5120 Xeranthemum Surprise Major	Hereford DG
28	5152 Yarkhill Surprise Major	Hereford DG
29	5184 Laburnham Road Surprise Maximus	
		Oxford DG

December

12	5152 Zverinogolovskoye Surprise Major	
		Hereford DG

Record Peals on Towerbells

June

3	20064 Spliced Surprise Maximus	ASCY
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September

23	10360 Nova Delight Royal	SRCY
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October

25	25056 Bristol Surprise Maximus	ASCY
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Biographies Committee

The Committee met in Edinburgh in May and in Milton Keynes in October. Anne Anthony stood down in April, and Bobbie May and Deborah Thorley stood down in May. No new members were elected.

There are over 950 biographic records on the website. We would like to thank Chris Rogers and Chris Kippin, both of whom contributed records. There is a backlog of around 30 records not yet written, and the aim to have archival paper copies of all records hasn't yet been achieved.

Working with the Steward of the Rolls we have added 187 names to the Rolls of Honour, based mainly on research from newspapers and *The Ringing World*.

Bill Butler continued to produce Prolific Peal Ringers articles for *The Ringing World*, although no longer a consultant to the Committee, but having reached number 60 he wishes to retire from the task, and we thank him for his work.

SECOND-HAND BELLS WANTED

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We continue to hold basic information, photos, press items, etc on current and former Council members – either on paper or digitally.

The comprehensive record of ringing societies still exists as a draft web page but has not progressed. We continued research on the history of Council committees. About a third of those that existed have so far been documented. We discussed with the ICT Committee how information about both ringing societies and Council committees could be linked to the records of ringers who represented them or served on them respectively, but we have not yet progressed to implementation.

We produced a critical review of our ongoing work and future aspirations, which has been passed to the nominated leader of the History & Archive workgroup that will succeed the Committee.

Plans for 2018 include:

- Completing the advice on biographical/historical research, and making it available from our web pages;
- Organising a workshop in Lancaster during the Council weekend.

Ongoing work and future aspirations passed to the History & Archive workgroup include:

- Ongoing production of biographic records – both recent ringers and to broaden the historical record of former ringers;
- Providing archival hard copy of on-line records;
- Augmenting historic records with additional information where available;
- Working with ICT Committee to develop and improve the management of biographic information;
- Developing online submission and access to biographic information about ringers;
- Seeking links with the wider world of social and family history research;
- Working with others interested in ringing history, or researching the history of their societies or local ringers.

We are grateful to all those who have helped us by providing information.

Members and former members of the Council who died in 2017 are:

- Jill M Staniforth (née Poole), Ladies Guild 1951–1981, attended 22 meetings, died 7 January 2017.
- Freda Cannon, Ladies Guild 1984–2008, attended 20 meetings, died 14 January 2017.
- Eric Naylor, Bath & Wells Diocesan Association 1967–1987, attended 19 meetings, died 27 January 2017.

- Norman Arthur Johnson, Durham & Newcastle Diocesan Association 1984–1999, attended 12 meetings, died 31 January 2017.
- Ruth Margaret Foreman, Middlesex County Association & London Diocesan Guild 1966–1969, attended 2 meetings, died 19 February 2017.
- Brian Maurice Buswell, Southwell Diocesan Guild 1956–1966, attended 7 meetings, died 26 February 2017.
- Christopher Charles Roberts, Chester Diocesan Guild 1981–1994, attended 12 meetings, died 7 March 2017.
- Philip Malcolm James Gray, New South Wales Association 1957–1962, Australia & New Zealand Association 1962–1996, attended 33 meetings, died 10 April 2017.
- Geoffrey Richard Drew, Honorary 1970–1983, Norwich Diocesan Association 1999–2005, attended 13 meetings, died 15 April 2017.
- John Graham Gipson, Ely Diocesan Association 1957–1984, attended 23 meetings, died 18 June 2017.
- John Keith Smith, Midland Counties Guild 1975–1978, attended 3 meetings, died 13 November 2017.
- A James Phillips, Ancient Society of College Youths 1993–1999, attended 5 meetings, died 1 December 2017.
- Malcolm Paul Phipps, Derby Diocesan Association 1963–1969 and 1972–1978, attended 12 meetings, died 17 December 2017.

A former member whose death became known during 2017 is:

- Kenneth George Brown, Suffolk Guild 1957–1960, attended 1 meeting, died 12 April 2016.

JOHN HARRISON (*Chairman*)
 RICHARD ANDREW
 ANNE BRAY
 PATRICK HICKEY
 DAVID JONES
 DAVID WILLIS

Library Committee

2017 saw a modest reduction in the use of the Library resources with twenty-seven items borrowed and sixty-three queries dealt with by sending scans or written replies, by our library steward, Alan Glover.

In 2017 the CC Library Committee purchased another original manuscript by JA Trollope. Within six months this had been scanned and was on the CC website, for all to view. My thanks go to Paul Johnson and Alan Glover for making this happen.

The Whiting Society continues its invaluable work of publishing early ringing texts online, and we have been pleased to help by supplying some of the originals for them to scan.

The CC Library now holds the archive records of The Ringing Foundation. We are grateful to Colin Chapman and Ian Self for adding to our archive of annual reports and to George Pipe and Mark Gardener for donating various Association badges.

The routine binding and repair work had increased in 2017 with the imminent retirement of our bookbinders, Les and Brenda Stallard; more valuable items are stored in clam-shell boxes for protection and new additional shelving in the Library has been purchased.

Paul Johnson reports we have now sold all the original DVDs of ringing magazines, apart from the latest edition (*Ringing World* 1971–2000). We are now selling copies of *Bell News* and pre-1970 *Ringing Worlds* by the volume or year. Further early volumes of *Bell News* continue to be added to the Library's Online Publications webpage.

John Eisel has completed the last edition in book form of *Order and Disorder 1840–1845*, with important supplements of earlier material, and this should be available at the CC meeting 2018 in Lancaster. Thank you to Sue Marsden for despatching previous volumes of *Order and Disorder* books. There is an increasing amount of material from 1846 and it is intended to make this available in electronic form in due course as it is impracticable to publish it in hard copy.

The "Friends of the Central Council Library" saw a slight increase in life membership subscriptions and a new Honorary Life Member, George Pipe. John Eisel kindly wrote an interesting essay to accompany the newsletter entitled *Ring out the Age*. Without the Friends of the CC Library we would be unable to fund publishing projects or acquire new and rare books. For the fifth year the Library Committee has waived the CC grant. Thank you to Ian Self, for being our Treasurer and managing the Friends Scheme with Linda.

From the CRAG report there was no clear rôle for the Library Steward. This has been of great concern throughout the year, with a lot of uncertainty. The Library will come under the remit of the Historical and Archive workgroup led by Doug Hird. I hope a structure will be found within the new workgroup which will allow the Friends of the CC Library, many of whom are the regular users of the Library, to continue and a degree of financial independence to be maintained, with enough volunteers to be available for the tedious but necessary work of sales, distribution and accounting which our current operation requires.

I wish the new workgroup well.

I would like to thank Alan Glover, Paul Johnson, Sue Marsden and Ian Self for their support throughout 2017/18.

LINDA FODDERING (*Chairman*)
 ALAN GLOVER (*Library Steward*)
 PAUL JOHNSON
 SUE MARSDEN
 IAN SELF

New Framework – Status Report as at April 15th 2018.

As reported in status updates in *The Ringing World* (January 26th and March 2nd 2018), developing a new descriptive framework to replace the current CC Decisions (per CRAG Proposal H) has been a very challenging undertaking and has taken longer than hoped. The elements of the CRAG remit ('simple', 'permissive' and 'maintain the historical record') often came into conflict with one another, and there are various different ways in which such a framework can be structured and organized. There are also different mindsets with which the task can be approached (e.g. a framework geared towards mathematical / technical users, vs. one geared towards 'ordinary ringers'). Finally, because of method ringing's rich and varied scope, it's very difficult to create a succinct and unambiguous set of terminology that covers all possible scenarios. The team working on the new framework has exchanged thousands of messages and spent hundreds of hours on the project.

Despite the challenges, we believe we are close to having a draft framework that appropriately balances the various development criteria. We hope to begin a ringing-community-wide consultation on the new framework in early May, and expect that this will run for 2-4 months, depending on the amount of feedback received and the number of iterations of new versions needed.

Since the new framework won't be complete in time for consideration at the May meeting, the transition motion with the reform proposals includes adopting the existing Decisions as part of the new CC rulebook. CRAG intended the new framework to be the responsibility of the Executive, and under the proposed new CC rules, the Executive would be able to implement the framework before the 2019 meeting, once a full consultation has been completed. This would be subject to the 'call-in' provision governing Executive decisions deemed to require further debate.

The key features of the new framework were covered in *The Ringing World* article of March 2nd (pages 198–199). The latest version of the framework can be viewed at https://ccbr.github.io/method_ringing_framework. The framework website includes both the material intended to become the formal framework (Sections 3–9, excluding explanatory material that is revealed by clicking on the '+' buttons), as well as other ancillary material (such as a description of place notation) that is intended to be maintained by the CC's technical workgroup.

Members of the team developing the new framework will be pleased to answer any questions and discuss any points that attendees would like to raise during the CC weekend in Lancaster.

TIM BARNES (on behalf of the task group)

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1 INTERPRETATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

1.1 In these Rules, the following terms have the meanings shown below unless the Rule in which the term appears states otherwise :-

<i>Affiliated Society</i>	A bell ringing society affiliated to the Council in accordance with Rule 4.
<i>Annual Council Meeting</i>	Any meeting held under Rule 6.1.
<i>Annual Subscription</i>	The subscription under Rule 4.5.
<i>Charities Act</i>	The Charities Act 2011, or any statutory re-enactment or modification of its provisions.
<i>Charity Commission</i>	The Charity Commission for England and Wales or its successors.
<i>Chartered Institute of Arbitrators</i>	The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, registered charity number 803725, or its successors.
<i>Conflict of Interest</i>	Any actual or potential conflict between an Office Holder's duty to act in the best interests of the Council, and their personal interest (whether direct or indirect) as may be defined more specifically in the Standing Orders and Policies.
<i>Connected Person</i>	A person connected with an Office Holder (or an institution or corporate body in which that person or the Office Holder has a substantial interest) as may be defined more specifically in the Standing Orders and Policies.
<i>Council</i>	The unincorporated charitable association (registered number 270036) referred to in Rule 3.1.
<i>Council Member</i>	A member of the Council as defined in Rule 5.
<i>Council Meeting</i>	A meeting of the Council's members convened in accordance with the Council's Rules.
<i>Decision</i>	A Policy of the Council which relates to the art of ringing, its conduct, or the conduct of ringers or ringing societies.
<i>Deputy President</i>	The holder of the office of Deputy President elected under Rule 7.2.
<i>Electoral Reform Society</i>	The Electoral Reform Society Limited, registered company number 958404 or its successors.
<i>Executive</i>	The body appointed to manage the business of the Council in accordance with Rule 7.
<i>Executive Decision</i>	A decision agreed by the Executive at an Executive Meeting in accordance with these Rules and Standing Orders.
<i>Executive Meeting</i>	A meeting of the Executive held in accordance with the Rules and Standing Orders.
<i>Executive Member</i>	A Trustee elected or appointed under the Rules.
<i>Executive Officer</i>	A Trustee who holds one of the positions of President, Deputy President, Secretary or Treasurer.
<i>Executive Sponsor</i>	A Trustee responsible the activities of a Steward or Workgroup.
<i>Independent Examiner</i>	A person elected to examine and report upon the Council's annual accounts in compliance with the Council's statutory obligations and in accordance with its Rules and Standing Orders.
<i>Individual Member</i>	Any legal or natural person appointed or elected to a class of individual membership in accordance with the Standing Orders, as provided by Rule 5.1.
<i>Maximum Contract Value</i>	The maximum expected value of a contract above which the decision of an Executive Meeting is required, as may be stated in the Standing Orders.
<i>Motion</i>	A proposal submitted in accordance with the Rules for consideration at a Council Meeting.
<i>Nomination</i>	A proposal made in accordance with the Rules that an eligible person should be considered for election at a Council Meeting.
<i>Office Holder</i>	A person holding office as a Trustee, Workgroup Leader, Workgroup Member or Steward under these Rules.
<i>Ordinary Trustee</i>	One of four Trustees who are not Executive Officers, but are elected in accordance with Rule 7.2b).
<i>Policy</i>	A statement, whether advisory or mandatory defining principles of action, issued in accordance with Rule 10.4.
<i>President</i>	The holder of the office of President elected under Rule 7.2.
<i>Representative Member</i>	A voting member appointed to represent an Affiliated Society in accordance with Rules 5.4, 5.5 and 5.6.
<i>Resolution</i>	Any Motion agreed at a Council Meeting
<i>Rule</i>	A rule of the Council contained in this document as modified by any additions, deletions or amendments agreed at a Council Meeting in accordance with the Rules extant at the time of such agreement.
<i>Secretary</i>	The holder of the office of Secretary elected under Rule 7.2.

<i>Significant Asset</i>	Any asset (regardless of monetary value) whose custody is considered fundamental to the Council's objectives or important to the Council's membership, as specifically defined in the Standing Orders.
<i>Society Contact</i>	The contact of an Affiliated Society, whose details have been notified by that society to the Secretary, and to whom notices to the Affiliated Society in connection with the Council's business shall be sent.
<i>Society Membership</i>	The number of members of a bell ringing society as may be determined by the Standing Orders.
<i>Special Council Meeting</i>	A Council Meeting called under Rule 6.2.
<i>Standard</i>	A form of Policy defining or adjudicating on a level of quality or attainment, issued in accordance with Rule 10.4.
<i>Standing Order</i>	A regulation governing the business of the Council introduced in accordance with Rule 10.
<i>Steward</i>	The holder of an office of Steward as stated in Standing Orders in accordance with Rule 8.
<i>Trustee</i>	A member of the Executive elected or appointed under the Rules.
<i>Trustee Board</i>	An alternative name for the Executive.
<i>Treasurer</i>	The holder of the office of Treasurer elected under Rule 7.2.
<i>Workgroup</i>	Any group of persons given powers under Rule 8.
<i>Workgroup Leader</i>	Any person appointed under Rule 8.9.
<i>Workgroup Member</i>	Any person appointed under Rule 8.10.

- 1.2 In these Rules and in the Standing Orders the definitions of words in the singular shall apply to such words when used in the plural and vice versa where the context so permits.

2 ADOPTION

- 2.1 These Rules were adopted at the Council's 121st annual meeting held on 27th/28th May 2018 through an adoption motion (referred to in these Rules as the "Transition Motion") agreed at that meeting.
- 2.2 The Council and its property shall be administered and managed in accordance with these Rules and with the provisions of the Transition Motion, except that in the event of any conflict between the two, the Transition Motion shall take precedence, and in particular :
- the first Decisions;
 - the first Standing Orders; and
 - the first Trustees and Stewards;
- shall be determined in accordance with the Transition Motion.

3 TITLE AND OBJECTS

Title

- 3.1 The name of the Council shall be 'The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers'.

Object of the Council

- 3.2 To advance the practice, heritage and appreciation of bell ringing as an enjoyable mental and physical exercise and unique performing art for the public benefit of both church and community, in particular but not exclusively by:

Communications and Relationships

- encouraging the growth and public appreciation of bell ringing;
- representing the interests of bell ringing and ringers through promoting the development of strong relationships with the church,

stakeholders, the media and others outside the bell ringing community;

- facilitating communication and cohesion amongst ringers and bell ringing societies to assist ringers in supporting each other and achieving their bell ringing objectives;
 - using its efforts to foster the continuing recruitment and retention of ringers;
- Learning and Development*
- promoting excellence in ringing by encouraging relevant technical and leadership training;
- Stewardship and Management*
- encouraging sources of funding, products, expertise and facilities to support ringing and the availability of bell installations;
 - sharing, promoting, and advising on best practice relating to the maintenance and improvement of bell installations and training facilities;
 - promoting best practice relating to statutory compliance, safety and governance in relation to ringing;

Technical and Taxonomy

- defining and publishing technical standards in bell ringing;
- encouraging research and innovation in the advancement of bell ringing, its methodologies, tools and technologies;

Historical and Archive

- promoting the availability and appreciation of historic resources, publications and artefacts relating to the heritage of bell ringing and the role of individual ringers.

4 AFFILIATION TO THE COUNCIL

Affiliated Societies

- 4.1 Subject to Rule 4.4 the following bell ringing societies shall be affiliated to the Council:
- bell ringing societies affiliated to the Council at the date on which these Rules were adopted; and
 - any society whose application for affiliation has been approved under Rules 4.2 and 4.3.
- 4.2 Applications from bell ringing societies to become Affiliated Societies shall be made to the Secretary accompanied by a certificate signed by at least two of the society's officers confirming that:
- its Society Membership is not less than 75 (25 in the case of societies operating wholly outside the British Isles);
 - its purpose is to promote the ringing of bells by a group or association of bell ringers; and
 - it undertakes to abide by the Council's Rules and Decisions.
- 4.3 A bell ringing society making an application under Rule 4.2 shall become an Affiliated Society when its application has been approved at a Council Meeting.
- 4.4 A society shall cease to be an Affiliated Society if:
- its Society Membership falls below 50 (25 in the case of societies operating wholly outside the British Isles); or
 - its Annual Subscription under Rule 4.5 is more than 12 months in arrears; or
 - a Motion for disaffiliation is agreed by no less than two-thirds of Representative Members present and voting at a Council Meeting; or
 - notice of disaffiliation is given to the Secretary by at least two of the society's officers.

Annual Subscription

- 4.5 Each Affiliated Society shall pay an annual subscription. Each year's subscription shall become due on 1st January, of such sum as may be determined by the Standing Orders in relation to its affiliation.

5 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL

Membership Types

- 5.1 The Council shall consist of the following members:
- Representative Members;
 - Individual Members enrolled or appointed as may be determined by the Standing Orders; and
 - the Council's Trustees, Stewards and Workgroup Leaders, who shall be ex-officio members.
- 5.2 At Council Meetings, all members shall be entitled to speak and to move motions, but only Representative Members shall be entitled to vote.
- 5.3 A single individual may act in the capacity of both a Representative Member and one or more other types of member.

Representative Members

- 5.4 Each Affiliated Society shall be entitled to send one or more Representative Members to attend each

Council Meeting provided that no later than six weeks before that meeting's date:

- its Annual Subscription for the year in which the Council Meeting takes place has been received by the Treasurer; and
 - its Society Membership has been notified to the Secretary.
- 5.5 The number of Representative Members to which each Affiliated Society is entitled under Rule 5.4 shall be based on its Society Membership as follows:
- Society Membership up to 150 members = one Representative Member;
 - Society Membership 151-300 members = two Representative Members;
 - Society Membership 301-450 members = three Representative Members;
 - Society Membership 451-1000 members = four Representative Members;
 - Society Membership 1001-2000 member = five Representative Members;
 - Society Membership over 2000 members = six Representative Members.
- 5.6 Subject to Rule 5.5 :
- an Affiliated Society may register or amend the names and contact details of its Representative Members at any time by giving notice to the Secretary;
 - each Representative Member shall be deemed appointed from the point at which their name is confirmed in accordance with these Rules, and shall remain appointed until the Affiliated Society notifies the Secretary of a change; and
 - unless otherwise stated in that society's constitution, the election of Representative Members by Affiliated Societies shall take place triennially.
- 5.7 The Council may from time to time take reasonable steps to confirm through enquiries that its criteria for membership and representation have been met.

6 COUNCIL MEETINGS

Annual Council Meetings

- 6.1 An Annual Council Meeting shall be held once each calendar year for the purpose of conducting the following business:
- to elect one or more Trustees and Stewards of the Council where required by the Rules and Standing Orders;
 - to receive and consider:
 - the Executive's annual report (which shall include an account of the activities of each Workgroup and Steward);
 - the statement of accounts of the Council for the year ended 31st December previous, together with the report of the Independent Examiners thereon;
 - the Executive's forward plan and budget for the next year;
 - to elect two Independent Examiners;
 - to deal with such other business as may be required by the Standing Orders; and

- e) to consider and, if thought fit, agree such other Motions as are submitted in accordance with the Rules.

Special Council Meetings

- 6.2 The Executive may at other times convene a Special Council Meeting for the purpose of conducting the following business:
- to consider and, if thought fit, agree one or more Motions submitted in accordance with the Rules;
 - to deal with such other business as may be determined by the Standing Orders; or
 - to make appointments to vacant positions in accordance with Rule 6.11.
- 6.3 The Executive shall always call a Special Council Meeting to take place within ten weeks of a request to this effect to the Secretary, Deputy President and President by at least two Trustees or 25 Representative Members.

Notice of Council Meetings

- 6.4 Provisional notice of each Council Meeting shall be given to each Society Contact and Council Member not less than eight weeks before the date of each Council Meeting. The notice shall include details of its date, venue, summary details of its business and any elected position for which nominations are invited.

- 6.5 Full notice of each Council Meeting shall be given to each Society Contact and Council Member not less than four weeks before the date of such meeting. The notice shall contain full details of its date and venue together with a copy of its agenda paper, copies of any documents submitted for consideration and full details of any submitted Motions and Nominations.

Conduct and Recording of Council Meetings

- 6.6 The conduct and recording of business at Council Meetings, including the consideration and agreement of Motions shall be in accordance with the Standing Orders.

Quorum

- 6.7 No business shall be transacted at any Council Meeting unless a quorum of 50 Representative Members is present.

Voting

- 6.8 Unless otherwise stated in these Rules or the Standing Orders:
- decisions at Council Meetings shall be made by a simple majority of those Representative Members present and voting;
 - in any vote taken at a Council Meeting each Representative Member may exercise one vote; and
 - if there is a tied vote the person who is chairing the meeting shall have an extra vote in addition to any other vote they may have.

Appointments

- 6.9 Each appointment made at a Council Meeting shall be on the basis of a Nomination and election in accordance with the Standing Orders.

Temporary Appointments

- 6.10 If an elected position is vacant after the end of a Council Meeting or falls vacant between meetings, the Executive shall as soon as reasonably practical make a temporary appointment valid to the end of the next Council Meeting.
- 6.11 Where an elected position is vacant at a Council Meeting or has been filled with a temporary appointment, Representative Members shall elect a replacement person to serve the remainder of that position's term of office.

7 THE EXECUTIVE

Purpose of the Executive

- 7.1 The Executive shall be the trustees of the Council and shall manage and administer the Council's property and affairs in pursuit of the Council's objects and in accordance with:
- its Rules, Standing Orders and Policies; and
 - their statutory obligations, including but not limited to those under the Charities Act.

The Elected Trustees

- 7.2 The Executive shall comprise the following members, elected at a Council Meeting:
- four Executive Officers, elected individually:
 - a President;
 - a Deputy President;
 - a Secretary;
 - a Treasurer; and
 - four Ordinary Trustees, with those positions to be filled by any Council Meeting being elected together.

- 7.3 Unless otherwise approved by Resolution at a Council Meeting, each elected Trustee shall retire at the end of the third Annual Council Meeting after their election but shall be eligible for re-election at that meeting for one further term expiring at the end of the third Annual Council Meeting thereafter.

The Appointed Trustees

- 7.4 The Executive may include up to two additional non-elected persons who may be appointed at any time by the Executive where this is (in its judgement) necessary to secure an appropriate balance of skills.
- 7.5 Each appointment made under Rule 7.4 may be terminated at any time by the Executive, but its term shall otherwise end:
- at the end of the next Annual Council Meeting; or
 - if approved at that Council Meeting at the end of the third Annual Council Meeting thereafter.

Eligibility for office

- 7.6 No Trustee may simultaneously serve as either a Workgroup Leader or Steward.

- 7.7 Only persons over 18 years of age at the date of their election or appointment may become Trustees.
- 7.8 No person may serve simultaneously in more than one Executive position.

Disqualification and removal of Trustees

- 7.9 A person shall cease to be a Trustee and shall be deemed to have resigned if they:
- are disqualified from acting as a trustee by virtue of the Charities Act;
 - resign as a Trustee in accordance with Rule 7.10; or
 - are absent from all Executive Meetings held within a period of nine consecutive months and the Executive resolves that their office is to be vacated.
- 7.10 A Trustee may resign by notice to the Council, but only if two or more Trustees will remain in office after the notice of resignation is to take effect.
- 7.11 A Trustee shall cease to hold office immediately if a Motion requiring them to resign is agreed by no less than two-thirds of those Representative Members present and voting at a Council Meeting.

Powers of the Executive

- 7.12 The property, funds and assets of the Council shall be vested in the Executive, who shall in furtherance of the Council's objects (but not for any other purpose) have the power do all lawful things that are not in conflict with the Council's Rules, Standing Orders and Decisions.
- 7.13 The Executive shall only exercise the following powers with the specific approval of Representative Members in the form of a Motion agreed at a Council Meeting:
- to buy, sell, lease, let or otherwise acquire or dispose of any landed property;
 - to borrow money;
 - to change the Annual Subscription;
 - to create, acquire, merge with or dispose of any trading subsidiary or other legal entity;
 - to dispose of or mortgage any Significant Asset;
 - to make any decision which reduces or places at risk the Council's total assets by more than 30% of their value as reported to the most recent Annual Council Meeting; or
 - to create a new class of Council Member under Rule 5.1 (b).

Executive Meetings

- 7.14 The Executive may conduct its proceedings as it thinks fit, subject to the requirements of the Rules and Standing Orders.

Executive Committees

- 7.15 The Executive may delegate some of its powers to named Trustees or committees of two or more Trustees except where the Rules forbid it. Such delegation must be made through an Executive Decision which states:
- the powers and (where relevant) budgets which are delegated;
 - the requirements to report to the Executive; and

- whether such powers are to be exercised exclusively by the Trustee or committee to which they have been delegated.

- 7.16 No decisions that the Rules or Standing Orders require to be made at an Executive Meeting may be delegated but their implementation may be.

Insurance

- 7.17 The Executive shall keep the Council's assets safe and in repair (to the extent that it is reasonable to do so), insuring them at all times to their full value against fire, theft and other commonly insurable risks.
- 7.18 The Executive shall insure at all times in respect of public liability (and to the extent that it has a legal duty as employer, employer's liability).

Length of Service

- 7.19 The maximum length of service for Trustees shall be subject to such limits as may be stated in the Standing Orders.

8 WORKGROUPS AND STEWARDS

Purpose

- 8.1 The Executive may, subject to the Rules and Standing Orders, delegate some of its powers to groups of persons ("Workgroups") or to individuals ("Stewards"), who are not Trustees.

Creation, Amendment or Removal

- 8.2 A position of Steward or a Workgroup may be introduced at any time provided :
- the Standing Orders have been amended to include its terms of reference; and
 - its commencement date has been determined by an Executive Decision.
- 8.3 The content of all terms of reference shall be in accordance with such requirements as may be stated in the Standing Orders.
- 8.4 The Executive may amend any terms of reference by replacing the Standing Order which refers.
- 8.5 The Executive may remove a position of Steward or a Workgroup which is no longer required by withdrawing its terms of reference from the Standing Orders through an Executive Decision which also states:
- the date on which its term shall end;
 - the rules under which its responsibilities are to be transferred or terminated; and
 - the terms on which any assets currently managed are to be transferred or disposed of.

Sponsorship

- 8.6 Each Workgroup shall be accountable to an Executive Sponsor – a named Trustee.
- 8.7 Each Steward shall be accountable either to an Executive Sponsor or to a Workgroup as stated in that Steward's terms of reference.
- 8.8 If an Executive Sponsor is unable or unwilling to perform their duties, resigns or is otherwise removed, the Executive shall promptly appoint a replacement.

Workgroup Management

- 8.9 Each Workgroup shall be led and managed by a Workgroup Leader accountable to its Executive Sponsor. Workgroup leaders shall be appointed by, and may be removed by the Executive .
- 8.10 Each Workgroup Leader may (with the prior approval of their Executive Sponsor) appoint and remove Workgroup Members:
 - a) to whom they may delegate some or all of their powers; and
 - b) who shall be accountable to the Workgroup Leader.

Powers

- 8.11 Any decisions on matters which either the Rules or Standing Orders have reserved for deliberation at an Executive Meeting may not be delegated to a Workgroup or Steward, but their implementation may be delegated.

Delegation

- 8.12 Each Workgroup and Steward may at any time delegate some or all of their powers to named sub-groups, committees or individuals, provided that such delegation must be approved by an Executive Decision which states:
 - a) the powers and (where relevant) budgets which are delegated; and
 - b) whether such powers are to be exercised exclusively by the sub-group, committee or individual to whom they have been delegated.

Steward Appointments

- 8.13 Each Steward shall be either :
 - a) appointed and removed by the Executive; or
 - b) elected for a fixed term by Representative Members at a Council Meeting;
 as stated in that Steward’s terms of reference.

Length of Service

- 8.14 The maximum length of service for Workgroup Leaders, Workgroup Members and Stewards shall be subject to such limits as may be stated in the Standing Orders.
- 8.15 At the expiration of their term of office Stewards shall continue in office until a successor has accepted full responsibility for all of the Council’s assets which are under their care.

9 GENERAL PROVISIONS

Conflicts of Interest

- 9.1 Office Holders shall ensure that their conduct complies with the Council’s requirements regarding Conflicts of Interest as may be stated in its Standing Orders and Policies, and shall always use their best endeavours to ensure:
 - a) that their conduct of Council business is performed wholly in furtherance of the Council’s objects; and

- b) that any Conflicts of Interest relating to their work for the Council are promptly and openly declared.

Personal Benefit

- Office Holders shall ensure that any personal benefit or compensation they receive in connection with their work for the Council is in accordance with the Standing Orders and Policies, and relates solely to their sacrifice, costs and expenses properly incurred as a consequence of such work.
- Unless stated otherwise by the Rules or Standing Orders, no Trustee or any Connected Person may:
- a) buy or receive goods or services from the Council on terms preferential to those applicable to Council Members;
 - b) sell goods, services or any interest in land to the Council;
 - c) be employed by, or receive any remuneration from the Council; or
 - d) receive any financial benefits from the Council other than those specified in Rule 9.2.

Meeting Irregularities

- 9.4 Any decision taken at a Council or Executive Meeting shall be valid despite any defect in giving notice of that meeting or any irregularity in its conduct, unless it can be shown that such a defect or irregularity has materially prejudiced one or more Representative Members in a way which could reasonably be expected to have affected the decision.
- 9.5 If a quorum is not present at the time appointed for a Council Meeting then:
 - a) the Executive shall re-convene the meeting, giving Representative Members at least 28 days’ notice of the time and place of the re-convened meeting; and
 - b) if no quorum is present at the time appointed for the re-convened meeting those Representative Members present at that time shall constitute the quorum for that meeting.

Disciplinary Matters

- 9.6 Council Members shall ensure that they do nothing which could directly or indirectly frustrate the proper conduct of the Council’s business, bring the Council into disrepute or damage its reputation.
- 9.7 In the event that the Executive in its absolute discretion determines that the actions of a Council Member (other than a Representative Member) are in conflict with Rule 9.6, it shall have the power to act in accordance with the Council’s Standing Orders and Policies as follows:
 - a) to suspend the Council Member until the time of the next Council Meeting, provided that it must promptly consider any representations made by the suspended member and answer their reasonable questions regarding the grounds for suspension and any allegations made against them;
 - b) to extend the suspension for a longer period or to rescind membership entirely provided:

- (1) the suspended member is first given the opportunity to state their case in writing to Council Members; and
- (2) such action has been approved in the form of a Council Resolution agreed by no less than two thirds of those Representative Members present and voting.

9.8 Any Council Member suspended under Rule 9.7 shall at the Executive's request promptly return any materials held by them and belonging to the Council into the care of the Executive or their delegate.

Disputes

- 9.9 If a dispute relating to the Council's business arises between those elected, enrolled, affiliated or appointed in accordance with the Rules and such a dispute cannot be resolved by agreement, then the parties shall use all reasonable efforts to ensure that the matter is resolved quickly and reasonably, including:
- by submitting it for determination at a Council Meeting; and
 - if the matter is still unresolved submitting it promptly for determination by a single arbitrator to be appointed by the president or a vice president of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (or such successor body as shall perform a similar function).

Notices

9.10 All notices shall be sent and received in accordance such regulations as may be stated in the Standing Orders.

Irregularities in Council Resolutions

- 9.11 No Resolution shall have any force to the extent that (in the Executive's reasonable opinion) it will following implementation be incompatible with:
- the Rules and Objects of the Council;
 - all relevant legal and regulatory obligations;
 - the duties the Executive as charity trustees; or
 - the obligations imposed on the Council by virtue of its charitable status.

10 STANDING ORDERS AND POLICIES

Standing Orders

- 10.1 The Executive may create, replace or withdraw one or more Standing Orders:
- where a Rule allows for a Standing Order;
 - to apply a Rule by regulating matters of detail on which such a Rule is silent; or
 - to regulate the business of the Council on matters on which the Rules are silent.
- 10.2 Each Standing Order shall be equally as effective as the Rules, but if there is any conflict between a Rule and a Standing Order, the Rule shall prevail.
- 10.3 Where any conflict exists between two Standing Orders, that with the earliest effective date shall prevail.

Policies

- 10.4 The Executive may create, replace or withdraw one or more Policies relating to principles of action or standards of attainment in respect of:
- those conducting the Council's business; or
 - the art of ringing, its conduct, or the conduct of ringers or ringing societies.
- 10.5 If there is any conflict between a Policy (on the one hand) and the Rules and Standing Orders (on the other hand), then the Rules and Standing Orders shall always prevail.
- 10.6 Each new Policy shall clearly state the extent to which it is advisory or mandatory.
- 10.7 Where this is any conflict between two Policies, that with the earliest effective date shall prevail.

General Provisions for Standing Orders and Policies

- 10.8 Any power conferred on the Executive by Rules 10.1 and 10.4 may only be exercised by decision at an Executive Meeting provided that :-
- notice of such a decision including a full copy of the Standing Order or Policy referred to shall be given to Representative Members; and
 - such notice shall indicate the date from which the decision shall have effect; and
 - the decision shall take effect no earlier than three months from the date on which such notice was served; and
 - the decision shall not take effect until such time as it has been approved by Resolution at a Council Meeting if, within two months of such notice, the Secretary, President and Deputy President receive a request (or requests) from 25 or more Representative Members for such a Resolution.
- 10.9 Rule 10.8d) shall not apply where the decision which refers has previously been approved by a Council Resolution.

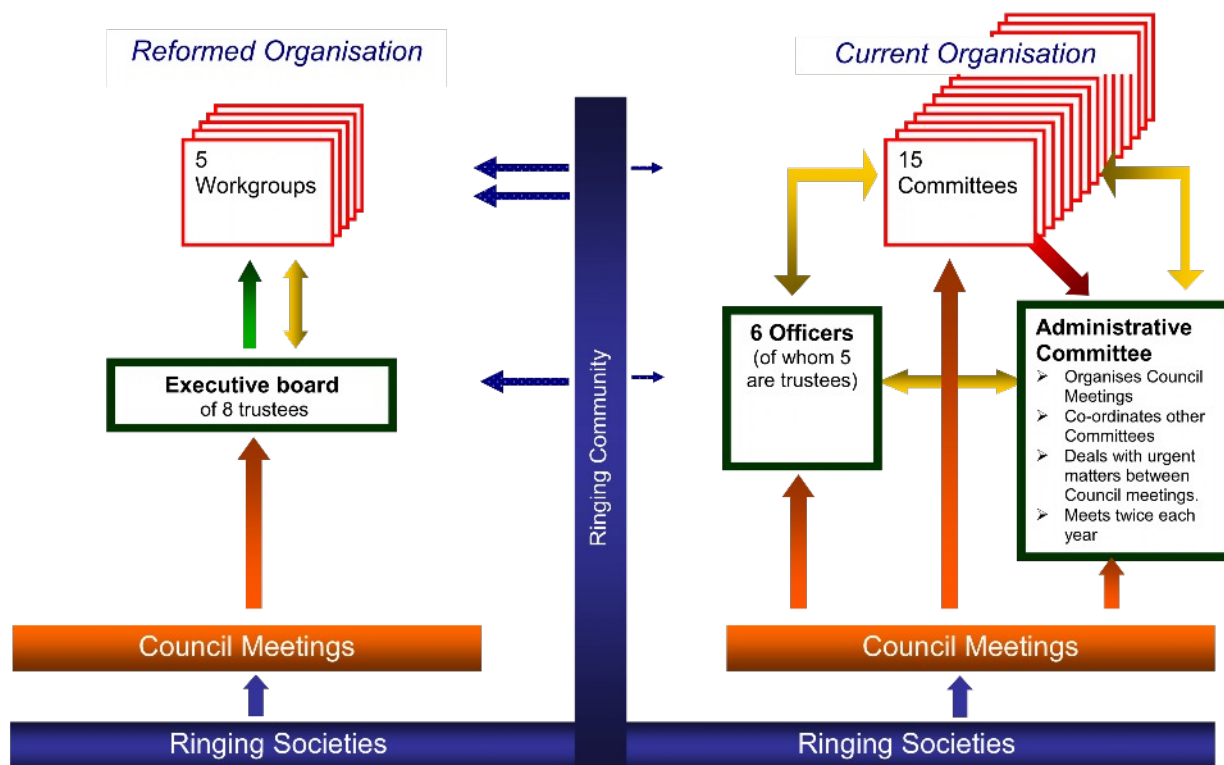
11 AMENDMENT OF THE RULES

- 11.1 These Rules may be amended only by the passing of a Resolution at a Council Meeting by no less than two thirds of those Representative Members present and voting.
- 11.2 An amendment agreed in accordance with Rule 11.1 shall take effect at the close of the Council Meeting at which it is agreed, except that no such amendment shall be valid:
- that conflicts with the Council's statutory obligations including but not limited to those under the Charities Act;
 - that would have the effect of making the Council cease to be a charity at law; or
 - that would undermine or work against the provisions of Rule 12.
- 11.3 No alteration of these Rules or any Resolution agreed at a Council Meeting shall have retrospective effect to invalidate any prior act of the Executive (or those empowered by the Executive under the Rules).

12 DISSOLUTION

- 12.1 The Council may be dissolved only following the passing of a Resolution to this effect at a Council Meeting by no less than two thirds of those Representative Members present and voting, in which case the Executive shall remain in office as trustees and be responsible for winding up the affairs of the Council in accordance with this Rule 12.
- 12.2 Representative Members may pass a Resolution before or at the same meeting as the Resolution to dissolve the Council specifying the manner in which the trustees are to apply the remaining property or assets of the Council and the trustees must comply with such a Resolution to the extent that it is consistent with Rule 12.3.
- 12.3 Following a Resolution for the Council to be dissolved:
- a) the trustees shall collect in all the assets of the Council and pay or make provision for all the liabilities of the Council;

- b) the trustees shall apply any remaining property or money:
 - (1) directly for the Council’s objects;
 - (2) by transfer to any charity or charities for purposes the same as or similar to the Council; or
 - (3) in some other manner as the Charity Commission may approve in advance in writing;
- c) in no circumstances shall the net assets of the Council be paid to or distributed among Council Members (except to a Council Member that is itself a charity);
- d) the trustees shall make every effort to secure the preservation and continued availability of the Council’s Significant Assets insofar as their duties to discharge the Council’s debts permit; and
- e) the trustees shall notify the Charity Commission promptly that the Council has been dissolved.



Appendix B: Standing Orders of the Council ('Standing Orders')**Reference Table**

Standing Order	Subject	Effective Date	End Date (if applicable)
INTRODUCTION			
I1	Interpretations and Definitions	28/5/2018	None
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C1	Subject of Motions	28/5/2018	None
C2	Notices of Motion	28/5/2018	None
C3	Consideration of Motions	28/5/2018	None
C4	Recording	28/5/2018	None
C5	Chairman	28/5/2018	None
C6	Adjournment	28/5/2018	None
C7	Nominations	28/5/2018	None
C8	Elections	28/5/2018	None
THE EXECUTIVE			
E1	Executive Meetings	28/5/2018	None
E2	Length of Service	28/5/2018	None
FINANCIAL AND AUDIT			
F1	Annual Subscription	28/5/2018	None
F2	Register of Significant Assets	28/5/2018	None
F3	Maximum Contract Value	28/5/2018	None
F4	Independent Examiners	28/5/2018	None
GOVERNANCE			
G1	Governance Review	28/5/2018	None
MEMBERSHIP			
M1	Ex-officio Members	28/5/2018	None
M2	Fellows	28/5/2018	None
GENERAL PROVISIONS			
N1	Notices	28/5/2018	None
N2	Personal Benefit	28/5/2018	None
SOCIETIES			
S1	Society Membership	28/5/2018	None
REGULATIONS - WORKGROUPS AND STEWARDS			
W1	Terms of Reference	28/5/2018	None
W2	Length of Service	28/5/2018	None
W3	Size of Workgroups	28/5/2018	None
TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR STEWARDS			
XS1	Carter Ringing Machine	28/5/2018	None
XS2	Dove	28/5/2018	None
XS3	Library	28/5/2018	None
XS4	Rolls of Honour	28/5/2018	None
TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR WORKGROUPS			
XW1	Terms of Reference for Workgroups	28/5/2018	None

INTRODUCTION

I1 Interpretation and definitions

- I1.1 In these Standing Orders those terms which are defined by the Rules of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers shall have the have their meanings so defined, unless the Standing Order in which the term appears states otherwise.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

C1 Subject of Motions

- C1.1 A Motion may be submitted for consideration at a Council Meeting where its purpose :
- is explicitly provided for by a Rule or Standing Order; or
 - is to express the views of members relating to the business of the Council.

C2 Notices of Motion

- C2.1 Each notice of Motion for consideration at a Council Meeting (which may be accompanied by a supporting statement of up to 200 words) shall be given to the Secretary with the names of a proposer and seconder (each being a Council Member) not less than six weeks before the meeting, and such Motions and statements shall appear on that meeting's agenda paper.
- C2.2 The number of Motions submitted for consideration at any Council Meeting shall be limited to two per proposer.

C3 Consideration of Motions

- C3.1 For each Motion duly submitted to a Council Meeting its proposer or their delegate may at their discretion (but subject to the time limits stated in Standing Order C3.3) address the meeting in connection with their Motion, invite and respond to questions, amend their Motion or withdraw it entirely.
- C3.2 Notwithstanding Standing Order C2 members present at a Council Meeting may :
- discuss other business; and
 - submit and determine other Motions not shown on the agenda paper, (whether procedural or substantive);
- by agreement of a majority of those Representative Members present and voting provided that in the reasonable opinion of the chairman such business or Motions relate to the genuine business of the Council and do not change its Rules, Standing Orders or Policies.
- C3.3 The time for consideration of a Motion at a Council Meeting shall not exceed 30 minutes (at which time the Motion if undecided shall be put to the vote) or such longer time as may be agreed by a majority of those Representative Members present and voting.
- C3.4 Notwithstanding Standing Order C3.3 consideration of a Motion shall always end and the Motion shall be put to the vote if agreed by two thirds of those Representative Members present and voting.

C4 Recording

- C4.1 The Executive shall keep minutes of all Council Meetings; including:
- the names of all Council Members present; and
 - details of business transacted including the results of all elections and the details of all Motions agreed.
- C4.2 Within four months of each Council Meeting the Secretary or their delegate shall send a copy of that meeting's minutes to each Council Member and Society Contact.

C5 Chairman

- C5.1 The President (or in their absence or incapacity the Deputy President) shall normally preside as chairman of each Council Meeting.
- C5.2 In the absence or incapacity of both the President and Deputy President, those Representative Members present shall elect a chairman for that meeting.
- C5.3 The chairman of each Council Meeting shall conduct its business in accordance with the Rules and Standing Orders.

C6 Adjournment

- C6.1 Any Council Meeting may be adjourned to a later sitting if a Motion for adjournment (stating the date, time and place of the adjourned meeting) is agreed by no less than two thirds of those Representative Members present and voting.
- C6.2 No business shall be conducted at an adjourned Council Meeting unless it could properly have been conducted at such a meeting had the adjournment not taken place.

C7 Nominations

- C7.1 Each appointment made at a Council Meeting shall be on the basis of a Nomination made in accordance with Standing Orders C7.2 and C7.3, except that in the absence of sufficient Nominations the chairman of the meeting shall accept Nominations which are made in person by Representative Members present.
- C7.2 Notice shall be given to the Secretary not less than six weeks before the Council Meeting at which a Nomination is to be considered, and shall include:
- the names of its proposer and seconder, each being a Representative Member;
 - confirmation of the nominee's agreement to be nominated; and
 - optionally, a supporting statement of up to 200 words.
- C7.3 All nominations received in accordance with Standing Order C7.2 together with any supporting statements shall appear on the agenda paper of the Council Meeting at which they are to be considered.

C8 Elections

- C8.1 Each appointment made at a Council Meeting shall be by election in which each Representative Member present may vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies (with the candidates receiving most votes being elected), except that :

- a) where the number of candidates is equal to or less than the number of vacancies, those candidates nominated shall be deemed elected;
- b) where more than two candidates stand for a single vacancy, voting shall take place under the Alternative Vote system of the Electoral Reform Society; and
- c) in the event of a tied vote between the highest placed candidates for a vacancy, a candidate shall be selected by the drawing of lots.
- C8.2 The term of each person elected shall start at the end of the Council Meeting at which they are elected and shall continue until the end of the Council Meeting at which their successor is elected.

THE EXECUTIVE

E1 Executive Meetings

- E1.1 The Executive may conduct its proceedings as it thinks fit, subject to the Council's Rules, Standing Orders and Policies; but decisions on the following matters may be made only at an Executive Meeting which has been called and conducted in accordance with Standing Order E1.2:
- a) appointing or removing a Trustee, Workgroup Leader or Steward;
- b) delegating any powers or functions of the Executive;
- c) creating, replacing or withdrawing any Policy or Standing Order;
- d) appointing or changing the Executive Sponsor of a Workgroup or Steward;
- e) entering into any contract relating to landed property or paid employment, or any contract whose value exceeds such Maximum Contract Value as may be stated in the Standing Orders;
- f) agreeing the date, venue or agenda of any Council Meeting;
- g) agreeing or adopting any annual report, statement of accounts or forward plan;
- h) any matter relating to a Conflict of Interest ;
- i) rescinding or suspending any Council membership; or
- j) any matter likely to delay or frustrate the implementation of a Council Resolution.
- E1.2 Each Executive Meeting shall be called and conducted as follows:
- a) An Executive Meeting may be called:
- (1) by any Trustee on giving 28 days notice, setting out the matters to be agreed, to all other Trustees; or
 - (2) without notice on agreement of a majority of all Trustees.
- b) On any matter to be determined, each Trustee present may exercise one vote.
- c) Where an Executive Meeting has been called with 28 days notice as required by this Standing Order all matters set out in that notice shall be decided by a majority of votes and in the case of a tied vote, the person who chairs the meeting shall have a second vote.
- d) On all matters other than those referred to in paragraph c) of this Standing Order, all questions

- arising at such a meeting shall be decided only if more than half of all Trustees (whether present or not) are in agreement.
- e) Each Executive Meeting shall be chaired by one of the following persons, in descending order of precedence (who are present, able and willing to exercise this function):
- (1) the President;
 - (2) the Deputy President;
 - (3) the Treasurer; or
 - (4) a Trustee appointed by a majority of those present.
- f) No business shall be transacted at an Executive Meeting unless a quorum of four Trustees is present, except that where the number of current Trustees is less than four, those serving Trustees may act for the purpose of appointing candidates to vacant Executive positions.
- g) A Trustee shall not be counted in the quorum present when any decision is made about a matter upon which that Trustee is not entitled to vote.
- h) Trustees may attend (and shall be deemed present at such parts of) any Executive Meeting in which they participate by means of telephone or communications equipment which allows everyone participating to hear each other.
- i) All decisions made at a meeting of the Executive shall be minuted and a copy of such minutes shall within 14 days of the Executive Meeting be sent by the Secretary or their delegate to all Council Members.

E2 Length of Service

- E2.1 Unless otherwise approved by Resolution at a Council Meeting, all serving Trustees shall be required to retire at the end of the sixth Annual Council Meeting after joining the Executive and may not become eligible to rejoin the Executive until the Annual Council Meeting next after such retirement.

FINANCIAL AND AUDIT

F1 Annual Subscription

- F1.1 The Annual Subscription for Affiliated Societies shall be £40 for each Representative Member to which that Society is entitled under the Rules.

F2 Register of Significant Assets

- F2.1 The Council's Significant Assets are :-
- a) The Rolls of Honour
 - b) The Carter Ringing Machine Collection
 - c) The Dove directory of towers and its associated electronic database
 - d) The contents of the Council's libraries
 - e) Intellectual property rights (including publication copyrights) vested in the Council.

F3 Maximum Contract Value

- F3.1 The Maximum Contract Value is £1,000 sterling.

F4 Independent Examiners

- F4.1 Two Independent Examiners shall at each Annual Council Meeting be elected from amongst the Council's Representative Members for a term of one year.
- F4.2 An Independent Examiner may not simultaneously be an Office Holder and shall be deemed to have resigned as an Independent Examiner on becoming an Office Holder.
- F4.3 The Independent Examiners acting together shall have power to employ the services of a professional accountant at the expense of the Council in pursuit of their duties.
- F4.4 If an Independent Examiner vacates their office before expiry of their term, the Executive shall have the power to make a temporary appointment to fill the vacancy.

GOVERNANCE**G1 Governance Review**

- G1.1 Every three years commencing May 2019, the Executive shall review the Council's Rules, Standing Orders and governance to assess whether they continue to be effective and aligned with best practice.
- G1.2 If eligibility to vote at Council Meetings remains vested wholly or partially with Representative Members, each such review shall include an assessment as to whether it would be appropriate to transfer some or all of the powers of Representative Members to one or more classes of individual members.

MEMBERSHIP**M1 Ex-officio Members**

- M1.1 The Council shall have a class of Individual Member named "Ex-Officio Member" reserved for officers of partner or supporter organisations.
- M1.2 The Ex-Officio Members shall be :
- a) The Chairman for the time being of The Ringing World Limited, company number 01722963, or their delegate.
- M1.3 There is no membership subscription for an Ex-Officio Member.
- M1.4 Once created, Ex-officio memberships shall continue until removed from the Standing Orders or rescinded by an Executive Decision.

M2 Fellows

- M2.1 The Council shall have a class of Individual Member, named "Fellow" reserved for those who have given distinguished service to the ringing community, which the Council wishes to recognise.
- M2.2 Each Fellow shall be appointed by Resolution agreed at a Council Meeting, except that the first Fellows shall be those life members of the Council at the close of the meeting at which the Rules were adopted.
- M2.3 There is no membership subscription for a Fellow.

- M2.4 Fellows shall be appointed for life, except in the event that their fellowship is rescinded by an Executive Decision.
- M2.5 The Secretary or their delegate shall maintain a register of all Fellows.

GENERAL PROVISIONS**N1 Notices**

- N1.1 Any communication required by a Rule, Standing Order or Policy shall be made to the stated addressee either:
- a) in writing, by delivering it either by hand or by first class post in a prepaid envelope to their postal address; or
- b) via electronic communication to their electronic address.
- N1.2 For the purposes of Standing Order N1.1:
- a) where the recipient is the Council itself or an Office Holder, their address is that most recently published by the Council ; and
- b) in other circumstances, the recipient's address is that most recently notified to the Secretary.
- N1.3 For the purposes of Standing Order N1.1 any communication shall be deemed as served:
- a) 48 hours after its sent date and time if sent electronically; or
- b) 2 days after its date of posting if sent by post.
- N1.4 For the purposes of Standing Order N1.3 the following conclusive evidence that a communication was served shall be acceptable:
- a) for communications by post, proof that an envelope containing the communication was properly, addressed, prepaid and posted;
- b) for deliveries by hand, such evidence that indicates the communication was delivered;
- c) for electronic communications, proof that the communication was sent by the sender's systems, which may comprise in the case of electronic mail the receipt by the sender of a blind copy of their own message.
- N1.5 Any communication required by a Rule, Standing Order or Policy may be withdrawn and shall have no effect, provided each of its addressees receive notice of such a withdrawal from the person (or persons) who sent the communication.

N2 Personal Benefit

- N2.1 Any person authorised by the Executive is entitled to be compensated from the property of the Council such reasonable expenses properly incurred by them when acting on the Council's behalf, as may be determined by the Council's Policies.
- N2.2 A Trustee may benefit from trustee indemnity insurance cover purchased at the Council's expense.

SOCIETIES**S1 Society Membership**

- S1.1 For the purposes of the Rules the membership of a bell ringing society at any time (its "Society Membership") shall be defined with reference to the

preceding calendar year (or that society’s equivalent membership year) as follows :-

- a) where a society has a membership subscription, its Society Membership shall be the number of its members paying (or exempted from paying) membership subscriptions; or
- b) where a society has no membership subscription, its Society Membership shall be the number of its members who either :-
 - (1) appeared on that Society's membership list, received one or more member notices from the Society and are considered by that Society to be participating members; or
 - (2) attended at least one event (including meetings, practices, peal attempts, dinners and other gatherings of members) organised by that Society.

- b) for a Steward, the method of appointment or election and the term of office.
Where more than one Steward has the same responsibilities, a single terms of reference may cover all such positions.

W2
W2.1

Length of Service
Workgroup Leaders and Workgroup Members shall retire at the end of the sixth Annual Council Meeting after their appointment and may not become eligible for appointment to the same role until the Annual Council Meeting next after such retirement.

W2.2

Unless otherwise approved by Resolution at a Council Meeting, Stewards shall retire at the end of the sixth Annual Council Meeting after their appointment or election and may not become eligible for appointment or re-election to the same role until the Annual Council Meeting next after such retirement.

REGULATIONS - WORKGROUPS AND STEWARDS

W1 Terms of Reference

- W1.1 Each terms of reference for a Workgroup or Steward position shall state at least :
 - a) its title and principal areas of activity;

W3 Size of Workgroups

- W3.1 At all times the number of members of a Workgroup shall be subject to the approval of its Executive Sponsor.

TERMS OF REFERENCE – STEWARDS

XS1 Terms of Reference – Carter Ringing Machine Stewards

Principal Areas of Activity:	
1	Responsible for the hosting, care and maintenance of the Carter Ringing Machine Collection.
2	To seek opportunities to make the Collection as widely known and appreciated as possible.
Number of Positions:	
3	Up to 3 positions of Steward.
Method of appointment (or election) and term of office:	
4	Stewards shall be appointed by the Executive in such numbers and for such terms as the Executive agrees.

XS2 Terms of Reference – Dove Stewards

Principal Areas of Activity:	
1	Responsible for the hosting, care and maintenance of the Dove database.
2	To seek opportunities to make the Dove database as widely used and appreciated as possible.
Number of Positions:	
3.	Up to 3 positions of Steward.
Method of appointment (or election) and term of office:	
4	Stewards shall be appointed by the Executive in such numbers and for such terms as the Executive agrees.

XS3 Terms of Reference – Library Stewards

Principal Areas of Activity:	
1	Responsible for the hosting, care and maintenance of the Council’s physical and digital libraries.
2.	To seek opportunities to make the libraries as widely used and appreciated as possible.
Number of Positions:	
3.	Up to 3 positions of Steward.
Method of appointment (or election) and term of office:	
4	Stewards shall be appointed by the Executive in such numbers and for such terms as the Executive agrees.

XS4 Terms of Reference – Rolls of Honour Stewards

Principal Areas of Activity:	
1	Responsible for the hosting, care and maintenance of the Rolls of Honour.
2	To seek opportunities to make the Rolls of Honour as widely used and appreciated as possible.
Number of Positions:	
3	Up to 3 positions of Steward.
Method of appointment (or election) and term of office:	
4	Stewards shall be appointed by the Executive in such numbers and for such terms as the Executive agrees.

TERMS OF REFERENCE - WORKGROUPS

XW1 The council shall have the following Workgroups, whose principal areas of activity are shown below :

XW1.1 Volunteer & Leadership

- a) To mobilise bell ringers to create and develop for themselves the teams, knowledge, resources and skills to enable ringing to flourish
- b) To promote life long learning in ringing both for individuals and teams and the development of support mechanisms for ringers and bands of all abilities.
- c) To promote excellence in ringing through relevant technical and leadership training

XW1.2 Historical & Archive

- a) To develop and manage a comprehensive historical and reference resource relating to ringers and all aspects of ringing.
- b) To make these resources as widely known and appreciated as possible within the ringing community and more generally.

XW1.3 Communications & Marketing

- a) To co-ordinate Communications and Marketing activity to :
 - (1) Encourage the growth and public appreciation of bell ringing
 - (2) Represent the interests of bell ringing and ringers
 - (3) Foster the recruitment and retention of ringers.
- b) To provide Communications and Marketing support for the Council's work
- c) To promote the Council's trusted reputation
- d) To support the Executive's efforts to develop strong relationships with key partners.
- e) To encourage the adoption of complementary communications strategies by ringing societies.

XW1.4 Stewardship & Management

- a) To support ringers, the owners of bells, and other interested parties in all matters relating to the care of bells, ringers and those who visit bell towers in the areas of:
 - (1) statutory compliance, safety and governance in relation to ringing
 - (2) funding, products, expertise and facilities to support ringing and the availability of bell installations
 - (3) best practice relating to maintenance, and improvement of bell installations and training facilities
 - (4) research and innovation in the advancement of bell ringing, its methodologies, tools and technologies

XW1.5 Technical & Taxonomy

- a) To maintain and publish for the Council authoritative reference standards for change ringing.
- b) To ensure that authoritative records and analysis of published methods, published compositions and significant tower & handbell peals are available.
- c) Where requested to provide guidance on methods, compositions and aspects of ringing theory.
- d) To promote innovation and interest in the theory of ringing and the use of technology to support ringing.
- e) To develop and maintain technology platforms:
 - (1) to support the Council's work and the objectives of its other Workgroups and Stewards.
 - (2) to support individual ringers and ringing societies where this will deliver significant benefits to the ringing community.

RINGING REMEMBERS



1,400 bell ringers died during the First World War.

Honour their memory by becoming one of 1,400 new bell ringers this year and be part of a nationwide moment by ringing on the centenary of the Armistice on 11 November 2018.

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