

2012 Central Council Supplement



The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

Registered Charity No 270036

The second session of the 41st Council (115th Annual Meeting) will be held on Monday 4 June 2012 in the Colonnade Suite, the Queen Hotel, City Road, Chester, starting at 9.30 a.m. It will be preceded by a Corporate Communion Service at 8.00 a.m. in the Edward Room of the Queen Hotel.

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

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

AGENDA

1. Opening prayer.
2. Report of the Honorary Secretary as to the representation of societies and subscriptions.
3. Welcome to new members.
4. Apologies for absence.
5. Loss of members through death.
6. Minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting (p.464).
7. Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
8. Annual Report of the Council (p.469).
9. Accounts for 2011 (p.471).
10. Election of Life Member: William Butler is proposed by Bobbie May and seconded by Timothy Pett.
11. Election of Additional Members:
Robert Lewis and Jane Wilkinson retire. The following nominations have been received; in accordance with Rule 6(ii), supporting statements for the candidates are given in Appendix A (p.463) of this Agenda:

Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Jane Wilkinson	Derek Sibson	John Baldwin
Robert Lewis	Andrew Wilby	Michael Church
12. Motions:
 - (A) *That the commencement of a triennial session be defined in such a way that newly-elected Council members are able to participate in and vote at an annual meeting of The Ringing World Ltd or The Ringing Foundation Ltd if this is held earlier in the weekend than the Council Annual Meeting:*
That Rule 5(iii) be amended to read:
The election of Representative Members by affiliated Societies shall take place triennially, and the names and addresses of those elected shall be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary together with the Certificate required by Rule 5(i) not later than four weeks before the next Annual Meeting. Each triennial session commences with the Annual Meeting next after each triennial election or an annual meeting of The Ringing World Ltd or The Ringing Foundation Ltd if held in the preceding two days. In the event of a vacancy the new member shall be elected only for the unexpired period of the triennium, and his name and address shall be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary forthwith.
Proposed on behalf of the Administrative Committee by Tony Smith (Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), seconded by Mary Bone (Ex-officio).
 - (B) *That the Peal Records Committee shall include in its annual report a statistical analysis of peals rung by rope and wheel on dumbbell rings or rings of bells with tied clappers, provided that such peals comply in all respects with the Central Council's conditions for peals with the sole exception of the use of simulated sound in the absence of swinging clappers striking bells of metal.*
Proposed by Andrew Barnsdale (Sussex County Association), seconded by Catherine Lewis (Kent County Association).
 - (C) *That Rule 16(vii) (Terms of Reference of the Public Relations Committee) be replaced by the following:*
To foster goodwill and mutual understanding between ringers and the non-ringing public; to foster public awareness of ringing; to establish and maintain goodwill and mutual understanding between the Council and significant non-ringing bodies (including the media, church and government); and to establish and maintain goodwill and mutual understanding between the Council and ringers at large (as individuals and in ringing societies).
Proposed on behalf of the Public Relations Committee by John Harrison (Oxford Diocesan Guild), seconded by Barrie Dove (Yorkshire Association).
13. Change Ringing for the Future.
14. To receive, discuss and if thought fit to adopt the reports of the following Committees; and to pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising from the reports. In all cases one-third of the present members retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council.
 - (a) Administrative (p.473):
John Baldwin, Robert Lewis, Judith Rogers and Andrew Wilby retire. John Baldwin is not seeking re-election. There are 4 vacancies.

- (b) Education (p.473):
Wendy Graham, Geoff Horritt, Catherine Lewis and Brian Sanders retire. There are 4 vacancies.
- (c) Information and Communications Technology (p.474):
Alan Chantler and Mike Chester retire. There are 2 vacancies.
- (d) Library (p.474):
Alison Hodge and Ian Self retire. There are 2 vacancies.
- (e) Methods (p.475):
Philip Saddleton and Robin Woolley retire. There are 2 vacancies.
- (f) Peal Records (p.475):
Richard Allton, Ben Duke (co-opted) and Philip Larter retire. There are 5 vacancies.
- (g) Public Relations (p.479):
Claire Bell has resigned. Alan Chantler, Nicholas Jones (co-opted), Michael Orme and Jane Wilkinson retire. Alan Chantler is not seeking re-election. There are 4 vacancies.
- (h) Publications (p.481):
Julian Newman and Barbara Wheeler retire. There are 2 vacancies.
- (i) Redundant Bells (p.482):
John Baldwin and Alan Frost retire and are not seeking re-election. There are 2 vacancies.
- (j) Ringing Centres (p.483):
Alan Bentley, Roger Booth and Leslie Boyce retire. There are 3 vacancies.
- (k) Ringing Trends (p.483):
Stephen Elwell-Sutton and Ashley Fortey retire. There are 3 vacancies.
- (l) Towers & Belfries (p.484):
Peter Bennett, George Dawson, Chris Povey and Bernard Stone retire. There are 4 vacancies.
- (m) Tower Stewardship (p.485):
Ernie de Legh-Runciman and Chris Mew retire. There are 2 vacancies.
- (n) Bell Restoration (p.485):
Jackie Roberts is no longer a member of Council. John Barnes, Frank Beech and Ken Davenport retire. There are 4 vacancies.
- (o) Biographies (p.487):
Pat Halls, John Harrison, Bobbie May and Margaret Oram retire. There are 4 vacancies.
- (p) Compositions (p.487):
Richard Allton, Stuart Hutchieson and Philip Saddleton retire. There are 3 vacancies.
- 15. Report of the Stewards of the Carter Ringing Machine Collection (p.488).
- 16. Report of the Steward of the Rolls of Honour (p.488).
- 17. Report of the Stewards of the Dove Database (p.488).
- 18. Central Council Rescue Fund for Redundant Bells (registered charity no. 278816) (p.489):
Report and Accounts.
- 19. Future meetings.
- 20. Any other business.

Mary Bone
Hon Secretary

Appendix A

Additional Member Nominations – Supporting Statements

Jane Wilkinson

Jane was originally elected to the Council to help establish the Committee for Redundant Bells. She has worked energetically throughout her Council membership, serving always on one or other committee or as a Council officer.

She was elected Vice-President in 1993, subsequently serving as the first woman President from 1996 to 1999. This involved leading preparations for the major Ring In 2000 recruiting drive, and for Ringing in the Millennium, the Council's distribution of £3m Millennium Commission funding used to restore 150 rings of bells. In 1999 she joined the Public Relations Committee,

serving a term as its Chairman; and she continues as a member, dealing with contact lists and publicity material preparation among other work.

As Council President in the run up to the Millennium celebrations, and as PR Committee Chairman during preparations for the very successful Lincoln and Newbury Roadshows, Jane gathered a wealth of experience in dealing with the media and with groups and organisations outside ringing, and we need to retain that particular expertise.

Jane would welcome the opportunity to continue to serve the Council, particularly for the planned 2014 Roadshow: Roadshows are one of the Council's most important links with ringers and with the general public.

It is our view that Council needs to be

able to call upon Jane's experience and wisdom in its deliberations and we commend her election as an Additional Member.

Proposed by Derek Sibson
Seconded by John Baldwin

Robert Lewis

Robert is Editor of *The Ringing World* and it is our custom to elect Editors to the Council for their knowledge and involvement in the Exercise and the useful contribution that they can make to our work.

Robert has served on the Administrative Committee and the Redundant Bells Committee and is willing to serve the Council for a further period.

Proposed by Andrew Wilby
Seconded by Michael Church

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

Minutes of the First Session of the 41st Council (114th Annual Meeting), held at the Three Counties Hotel, Belmont Road, Hereford, on Monday 30th May 2011, at 10.00 am.

Present

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

Additional Members: A Bentley, Mrs S Bianco, R Booth, R J Cooles, A Ellis, A J Frost, E G H Godfrey, R A Lewis, P A Trotman, Mrs P M Wilkinson.

Ex-officio: A P S Berry, Mrs M Bone, Dr J C Eiselt, T Jackson, W Purvis, A Regin, Miss J Roberts.

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

Australian & New Zealand Assn: C D O'Mahony, L R Reynolds, R Shepherd (alt. Member), J Smith#.

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

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

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

Cambridge Univ. Guild: R Shipp.

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

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

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

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

Devon Association: R Brown*, M C Way.

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

Durham & Newcastle Dio. Assn:

Mrs Y Cairns, H Smith, R R Warford, Mrs B M Wheeler.

Durham Univ. Society: M Williams.

East Derby & West Notts Assn: C Aked*.

East Grinstead & District Guild:

Mrs K Desbottes*.

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

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

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

Gloucester & Bristol Dio. Assn:

D Harbottle, P G Hickey*, W Nash, Prof A Newing, J Nicholls.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Leeds University Society: A Crocker*.

Leicester Dio. Guild: Mrs C N J Franklin, A J Preston, J R Thompson.

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

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

Liverpool Univ. Society: R J Andrew*.

Llandaff & Monmouth Dio. Assn:

P S Bennett, N D Jones*, Mrs P Penney.

Middlesex County Assn. & London Dio. Guild: R Bailey, F T Blagrove, Mrs H Udall*.

National Police Guild: W Dowse*.

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

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

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

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

Oxford Dio. Guild: K R Davenport, J A Harrison, T G Pett.

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

Oxford Univ. Society: M Bell.

Peterborough Dio. Guild: Mrs H Aslett, A Chantler, Mrs E J Sibson.

St Martin's Guild: J Forster*, S Jones*.

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

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

Shropshire Assn: A M Glover, N J Green.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths:

J S Barnes, G A Duke, I H Oram, D E Sibson.

Society of Sherwood Youths: P Hawcock.

South African Guild: D Carr#.

Southwell and Nottingham Dio. Guild:

G A Dawson, Ms M J Stephens, R E H Woolley.

Suffolk Guild: Mrs V Downing*.

A McBurnie, S D Pettman, D G Salter.

Surrey Assn: J D Cheesman,

Mrs K Flavell, P Flavell, R J Wallis.

Sussex County Assn: A R Baldock,

Mrs D Day*, D Kirkcaldy, Mrs M E Oram.

Swansea & Brecon Dio. Guild: P C Johnson.

Truro Dio. Guild: Ms M Jones,

N R Mattingley, R J Perry, I P Self.

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

Univ. London Society: R Littlewood*.

Veronese Assn: P Avesani, Prof A M Hodge.

Winchester & Portsmouth Dio. Guild:

M J Church, M K Hopkins Till#, P D Niblett, A P Smith, M J Winterbourne.

Worcestershire & Districts Assn:

S W Holbeche, S D Piper*, A Roberts, R J Walker.

Yorkshire Assn: C B Dove, P Kirby*,

Ms S Laycock*, B Sanders, Ms A D M Thorley#.

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

The Chair was taken by the President, Tony Smith.

1. Opening Prayer

G Williams led the Council in prayer.

2. Report as to membership and subscriptions

The Hon Secretary, Mary Bone, reported that 65 societies were affiliated to the Council with 196 representatives; there were four vacancies. There were 6 Life Members, 11 Additional Members and 7 ex-officio Members. One subscription was outstanding from the St David's Diocesan Guild.

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 Doris Colgate and Harold Rogers (Life Members), Janet Edwards (Additional Member), Julie Doyle (Australian and New Zealand Assn), Winifred Warwick (Leicester DG), Eric Brunger (Norwich DA), Bill Butler and Bobbie May (Oxford DG). Further apologies were presented from Leigh Simpson (Cambridge UG), Tim Collins (Dorset CA), Graham Clifton (Oxford DG) and Andrew Mills (Southwell & Nottingham DG).

The President noted that this would have been Harold Rogers' 65th meeting and that he had now only missed two meetings during his Council membership; he invited members to sign a card for Harold.

5. Loss of members through death

Members stood in silence as the Hon Secretary read the names of former members of the Council who had died in earlier years but whose deaths had not been previously reported to the Council: James Armstrong (Gloucestershire 1936-1939); Robert Binns (Leeds and District Society 1897-1899); Frank Boreham (Oxford DG 1948-1956); Charles Eyre (Stafford Archdeaconry Society 1969-1975); Herbert Fretwell (EDWNA 1927-1929); John Hine (Devon Assn 1965-1992); Charles Metcalfe (EDWNA 1945); Reginald Newton (Shropshire Assn 1961-1965); Philip Parrott (Derby DA 1949-1951); Henry Poole (Bath 1903-1906); Canon Bertram Sheppard (Cambridge University Guild 1939-1950); William Stainthorpe (Yorkshire Assn 1900-1905); Stanley Wollaston (Devon 1902-1903); Ralph Wright (Devon Assn 1984-1992); and the following members and former members who had died since the last meeting: John (Jack) Sims (Guild of Devonshire Ringers 1981-1983); Frank Arnold (Norwich DA 1978-1989); Olive Barnett (Hon member 1953-1989); Brian Barker (Hertford CA 1966-1974); Canon Ernest Orland (Peterborough Diocesan Guild 1957-1960 and 1981-1989); Geoffrey Dodds (Hertford CA 1960-1989); Patrick Matthews (Salisbury DG 1978-1987); Roderick Pipe (St. Martin's Guild 1970-1987); Gerald Penney (Hertford CA 1974-1981). The Revd Dr J C Baldwin led members in prayer.

6. Minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 31st May 2010 had been published in *The Ringing World* of 17 September 2010. One omission and two corrections to the Minutes had been published as Appendix A to the Agenda (*RW 29th April 2011, p432*). There were no further corrections. The Minutes were approved and signed by the President.

The President reminded members to declare any interest in the bell-related trade to the Hon Secretary and to declare any relevant interest before speaking at the meeting.

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 29th April 2011, p438*)

The Hon Secretary noted that, since the preparation of the report, there had been a number of changes to the figures in paragraph 4: three vacancies have been filled. The figures in the last two sentences should therefore read: 6 Life Members, 11 Additional Members, 196 Representative Members and 7 ex-officio Members. There are 4 other vacancies. The Hon Secretary also reported changes to the figures in the Appendix: in the last sentence of the first paragraph: of the 196 Representative Members, 142 (72%) were members of the previous Council and 54 are new members. In the second paragraph the first sentence should read 58 members of the previous Council are not returning.

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

9. Accounts for 2010

(*RW 29th April 2011, pp439-441*)

The Hon Treasurer, Derek Harbottle, presented the Accounts and noted that the Independent Examiners had been able to give an unqualified report. He drew attention to the negative movement in funds, as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities, of £10,301. However, this included the agreed funding of £10,000 for The Ringing Foundation. The General Fund income included donations for the new volume of the Roll of Honour, and the expenditure included a further supply of the publicity leaflets at a cost of just under £1,900. Though the 2010 council meeting costs were higher than the previous year, they were in line with the average spend over the last few years; however committee expenses did show some saving over the previous year. The Bell Restoration Fund benefited from a legacy and was able to award 28 grants. Investments had been kept under review and the Fred Dukes Fund moved to National Savings Income Bonds to benefit from a higher interest rate. The General Fund continued to be invested in National Savings Income Bonds and with the CCLA Church of England Deposit Fund. Turning to 2011, the Hon Treasurer referred to

recent increases in postage and VAT and assured members that costs would be carefully controlled and any new projects justified on their merits.

The Hon Treasurer proposed the adoption of the Accounts, the Hon Secretary seconded and they were agreed.

10. Election of Additional Members

Six Honorary Members would complete their three-year term at the end of the meeting: of these Janet Edwards, Alan Ellis and Eric Godfrey were not seeking re-election. The following advance nominations, duly proposed and seconded, had been received: Peter Trotman, David Willis, Adrian Semken, Alan Frost, Alan Bentley and Elva Ainsworth. After a ballot these candidates were declared elected. Seven vacancies remained unfilled.

11. Election of Officers for 2011 - 2014

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

Vice-President – Chris Mew, who had been proposed by Mike Chester and seconded by Christopher O'Mahony, was the only nominee. The President declared him elected.

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

Hon Assistant Secretary – the President informed members that one of the candidates, John Cater, had withdrawn his nomination. There were two remaining nominations: Carol Franklin, proposed by Alan Regin and seconded by Andrew Preston, and Robin Walker, proposed by Ian Oram and seconded by John Couperthwaite. Voting was by ballot which resulted in Robin Walker being declared elected.

Hon Treasurer – Derek Harbottle, who had been proposed by Angela Newing and seconded by Michael Church, was the only nominee. The President declared him elected.

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

12. Election of Independent Examiners

Jeremy Cheesman was proposed by Paul Flavell and seconded by Kate Desbottes. Richard Wallis was proposed by Robert Cooles and seconded by Eric Godfrey. There being no other nominations, the President declared them elected.

13. Motions

(A) Increase in Subscription

The Hon Treasurer proposed on behalf of the Administrative Committee:

That the subscription be increased to £25 per representative member from 1st January 2012.

The Hon Treasurer referred to the explanatory note included on the Agenda and noted that the

affiliation fee was last increased five years ago; since then the costs of the annual meeting and of conducting Council business had continued to increase. The Hon Secretary seconded.

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

(B) Naming of new Doubles or Minor Methods

Peter Niblett proposed on behalf of the Methods Committee:

That Decision (E) D.4 be amended to replace the words preceding “or includes it in a multi-method peal” so that it starts as follows:

“The band that first rings a peal of a new method complying with Parts A to D of the Decision on Peal Ringing or, in the case of Doubles or Minor only, rings an extent or round block as permitted in Part B.2 of the Decision on Peal Ringing, ...”.

Peter drew attention to an explanatory note which had been circulated to the meeting. The Committee's approach was to provide enabling decisions, standards which described what was being rung and a clear, consistent framework. This motion addressed the current situation, whereby new Doubles or Minor methods may be named only either by ringing them in a peal or by ringing an extent, and, if passed, would allow new Doubles or Minor methods additionally to be named by being rung in a round block (eg a 240 of Doubles or a 1440 of Minor). Robin Woolley seconded.

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

(C) Definition of a Call

On behalf of the Methods Committee, Philip Saddleton proposed:

That Decision (E) A.2 be deleted and replaced with the following:

“A *call* is a means of passing from one course of a method to another. It is not part of the definition of the method. A call may be effected in one of the following ways:

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

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

Philip reminded members of the background to this proposal and stated that the Methods Committee regarded the motion as providing the simplest way of allowing performances such as the 5040 of “Grandsire Variable Treble Triples” to comply in future with the Council's Decisions. He noted a minor change to the wording of the motion: the penultimate word was now ‘a’ instead of ‘the’. He stressed that only changes could be omitted, not rows, and that the Committee would monitor use of this provision if the motion were passed. Richard Edwards, seconding, confirmed that the Committee had consulted a number of composers and conductors in preparing the motion.

Fred Bone expressed concern about the interaction of this motion with other Decisions, in particular on the naming of new methods. John Thompson suggested that, with such a radical proposal, a provisional change to the Decision would be appropriate; the change could then be confirmed or withdrawn after a number of years depending on the level of use. The President stated that such an approach was

not available. Roger Bailey and Mark Bell queried if a new method, rung according to clause (b), could be accurately described or if it would actually form a section of an existing method. John Harrison spoke in favour of the motion, which provided a simple solution and would enable the technical frontiers of ringing to be extended. Phillip Barnes supported this view. Frank Blagrove proposed an amendment to the wording, to insert 'consecutive' in clause (b) so that it read "by omitting consecutive changes, altering the length of a lead." The amendment was accepted by the proposer and seconder. Brian Meads suggested that the Methods Committee should conduct a fundamental review of the relevant Decisions.

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

14. Committee Reports

(The reports were published in *The Ringing World Supplement* of 29th April 2011. The relevant page numbers are shown against each report).

(a) Administrative (p442)

Adoption of the report was proposed by the Hon Secretary, who thanked Robert Lewis and *The Ringing World* staff for again producing an excellent Supplement. She drew attention to the proposal for a Ringing Alliance with the Zimbabwe Guild. The Vice-President seconded and updated members on her recent consultations with committee chairmen on the recruitment and training of young ringers. She would continue to work closely with the relevant committees as they developed their work on this. She urged members to support the work of these committees and of The Ringing Foundation and added that each society would be invited to send two representatives aged under 25 to the conference on 12 November 2011. Adoption of the report was then agreed.

Roger Bailey and Anthony Lovell-Wood retired; Roger Bailey did not seek re-election; John Cater was no longer a member of Council; Brian Meads had become an ex-officio member. The following members were proposed, seconded and elected to fill the 4 vacancies on the Committee: Phillip Barnes, Anthony Lovell-Wood, Tony Smith and Peter Wilkinson.

(b) Compositions (p442)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Paul Flavell, who noted the Committee's new publication *A Collection of Stedman Compositions*, and seconded by Philip Larter. Peter Wilkinson asked the Committee to consider producing a booklet of quarter peal compositions in standard methods. Adoption of the report was agreed.

Paul Flavell, Philip Larter and John Thompson retired. The following members were proposed, seconded and elected to fill the 4 vacancies on the Committee: Paul Flavell, Mike Hopkins Till, Philip Larter and John Thompson.

(c) Education (pp442-443)

In proposing adoption of the report Peter Dale drew attention to the sales of *The New Ringer's Book*. He added that the 12 November conference would have a wider focus than that implied in the Administrative Committee report. Geoff Horritt seconded. Roger Bailey

requested information on the number of aspiring conductors in the *Conduct 5040* scheme; Peter agreed to investigate. Adoption of the report was then agreed.

John Atkinson and Pip Penney retired; John Atkinson did not seek re-election; Simon Linford and John Mabe were no longer members of Council. Nine candidates were proposed and seconded to fill the 4 vacancies on the Committee. After a ballot the following were declared elected: James Blackburn, Pip Penney, Deborah Thorley and Duncan Walker. The unsuccessful candidates were Philip Bailey, Anthony Furnivall, Susan Laycock, Richard Newman and Ernie de Legh-Runciman.

(d) Information and Communications Technology (p443)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Mike Chester, seconded by Peter Trotman and agreed.

Peter Trotman retired; Michael Wilby was no longer a member of Council. The following members were proposed, seconded and elected to fill the 3 vacancies on the Committee: Stephen Nash, Stuart Piper and Peter Trotman.

(e) Library (pp443-444)

In proposing adoption of the report, Stella Bianco recorded the Committee's thanks to John Eisel for his outstanding work during 19 years as Library Steward. John Eisel seconded and adoption of the report was then agreed. The President made a presentation to John on behalf of Council.

Appointment of the Steward of the Library 2011-2014: Alan Glover had been proposed by John Eisel and seconded by Paul Johnson. As there was no other nomination the President declared him elected.

Paul Johnson retired and Alan Glover had become an ex-officio member of the Committee. The following members were proposed, seconded and elected to fill the 2 vacancies on the Committee: Paul Johnson and Gregory Morris.

(f) Methods (p444)

Peter Niblett proposed adoption of the report and noted work in hand to produce the *Four-Way Tables* in a more convenient size and plans for web-based articles. The Committee hoped to encourage young ringers in the technical aspects of ringing. Robin Woolley seconded. Chris Adams asked about method naming: at present the name of a method rung for the first time in a quarter peal could be changed if it was later rung in a peal, even if only a lead or half lead was rung in a peal of spliced. Could peal ringers not refer to the provisional list of method names and be aware of local sensitivities when choosing a name? Frank Beech considered that a method name should only be changed if more changes were rung in a peal. The President stated that the Council Decisions had no concept of provisional naming and the list of method names on www.methods.org.uk was maintained by him personally. Peter responded that the Committee were grateful to the President for maintaining the list and that the records included the date when a method was first rung and a *Ringing World* page reference. He hoped that more publicity for the lists could avoid problems when methods were named. John Harrison commented that he had recently spoken to mathematics students at a school on

the technical aspects of ringing and that this had been well received; Peter welcomed such initiatives. Adoption of the report was agreed.

Richard Edwards and Leigh Simpson retired. The following members were proposed, seconded and elected to fill the 3 vacancies on the Committee: Richard Edwards, Stephen Jones and Leigh Simpson.

(g) Peal Records (pp444-448)

In proposing adoption of the report, Richard Allton noted that 4,945 peals had been rung in 2010 and now published in *The Ringing World*; changes and corrections would be published in the Committee's report next year. He informed members that four handbell peals credited to the Lancashire Association had in fact been rung by the Leicester Diocesan Guild (p448, col 2). Derek Sibson seconded. Robert Wood queried the name of a method rung on 11 March 2010; Richard replied that, although Decision E D.4 allowed the Council to change the name, this method had previously been rung in spliced. Ashley Fortey referred to the peal rung at Staunton-on-Arrow and recorded as non-compliant; could the decisions be changed so that peals in such methods could be accepted as compliant? Richard noted that this was a matter for the Methods Committee. Adoption of the report was then agreed.

Alan Baldock, Mark Bell and Ben Duke (co-opted) retired. Four candidates were proposed and seconded to fill the 3 vacancies on the Committee. After a ballot the following were declared elected: Alan Baldock, Mark Bell and Adam Crocker. The unsuccessful candidate was Ben Duke.

(h) Public Relations (pp448-450)

Claire Bell, proposing adoption of the report, informed members that two television programmes on ringing were currently in production: one on the historical aspects and the other featuring performances. Filming for the latter had taken place in Cambridge on the previous weekend and it was scheduled to be shown on BBC3 in September. Claire added that details of the Olympic Torch relay route were now available and that it was hoped that ringing would be organised to accompany the Torch, particularly for evening events. Bruce Butler seconded and asked members to complete the online survey on future roadshows. The Vice-President added that the New Music 20x12 commission for the Olympics would be premiered on 1 January 2012 and could be rung during the Torch relay. Chris Mew noted that an interview with Howard Skempton, the composer, had been shown recently. Roger Bailey commented that the Charnborough Ring, of which he was a trustee, had been used during the filming in Cambridge; he urged the Council to support projects to take ringing out of towers and directly to the public. Alison Hodge referred to the Committee's wider remit and initial work on this; Bruce Butler responded that the Committee had been under-resourced with several vacancies and hoped that this would now change and allow more work on this part of the Committee's rôle. Adoption of the report was agreed.

Beverly Faber and John Harrison retired. Neil Donovan was no longer a member of Council. Ten candidates were proposed and seconded to fill the 6 vacancies on the

Committee. After a ballot the following were declared elected: William Dowse, Beverly Faber, James Forster, John Harrison, Rupert Littlewood and Helen Udal. The unsuccessful candidates were Lynne Hughes, Nicholas Jones, Ernie de Legh-Runciman and Mary Stephens.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.45 pm and resumed, after the Annual Meeting of The Ringing World Limited, at 3.27 pm.

(i) Publications (pp450-451)

John Couperthwaite proposed the report and drew attention to the just published *Collection of Stedman Compositions*. Work continued on the next edition of *Dove*. Beryl Norris seconded. Brian Meads congratulated the Committee on the increased income from sales and asked about plans to move to online publications. John replied that this was under active consideration; however, publications would continue to be printed while there was the demand for this format. Adoption of the report was agreed.

Andrew Aspland and Derek Jones were no longer members of Council. The following members were proposed, seconded and elected to fill the 2 vacancies on the Committee: Michael Hansford and Jan Wyatt.

(j) Redundant Bells (p450)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Bob Cooles, who regretted that the Committee had been unable to include detailed figures from the Church Commissioners in their report as these were not yet available [see RW, 10 Jun, p602; 1 Jul, p688]. Bob noted that there were early indications that the tower at Hanley may no longer be required for the commercial development. The report was seconded by Alan Frost. Peter Wilkinson thanked the Committee for their interest in Bollington. Chris Adams noted that, following the refusal of planning consent for the transfer of the Hanley bells, Stone were now fundraising for a separate project. The report was agreed.

Ian Hastilow and Julian Newman retired. The following two members were proposed, seconded and elected to fill the 2 vacancies on the Committee: Julian Newman and Helen Webb.

(k) Ringing Centres (pp451-452)

Norman Mattingley proposed adoption of the report, drawing attention to the latest issue of the Committee's *Training Times*. He encouraged guilds to establish ringing centres themselves and urged support for the 12 November conference. Alan Bentley, seconding, noted the regional forum to be held at Eckington on 18 June. Adoption of the report was then agreed.

Peter Dale (co-opted), Janet Edwards and Norman Mattingley retired. The following members were proposed, seconded and elected to fill the 4 vacancies on the Committee: Philip Bailey, Michael Clements, Peter Dale and Norman Mattingley.

(l) Ringing Trends (p452)

In proposing adoption of the report, Beryl Norris noted the Committee's work on data on young ringers. Tim Pett seconded and reported on the results of a pilot survey on the recruitment and retention of young ringers in the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Family, friends and church contacts were key factors in both recruitment

and retention. The encouraging retention rate of one third was not representative of all towers as the survey had been targeted at those towers which had successfully recruited and retained young ringers. Adoption of the report was agreed.

Beryl Norris retired and did not seek re-election. Tim Pett recorded the Committee's thanks to Beryl, who had been involved with its work since its inception. The following members were then proposed and seconded: Anthony Furnivall and Keith Murphy. The President declared them elected after the meeting voted to increase the size of the Committee to six.

(m) Towers and Belfries (p452)

Adoption of the report was proposed by James Clarke. James asked ringers interested in the September seminar on tower inspections to contact the Committee; arrangements for the seminar would be finalised in July. The report was seconded by Chris Povey. Chris Rogers reported on poor quality bell ropes and urged the Committee to put pressure on commercial rope makers to improve. James requested any tower having problems with poor quality new ropes to contact him. Adoption of the report was agreed.

Michael Banks, David Kirkcaldy and Adrian Semken retired. William Jones and Jim Taylor were no longer members of Council. Five candidates were proposed and seconded to fill the 4 vacancies on the Committee. After a ballot the following were declared elected: Michael Banks, Tim Collins, David Kirkcaldy and Adrian Semken. The unsuccessful candidate was Ernie de Legh-Runciman.

The meeting adjourned for tea at 4.15 pm and resumed, after the Annual Meeting of The Ringing Foundation Limited, at 5.50 pm.

(n) Tower Stewardship (pp452-453)

Christopher O'Mahony proposed adoption of the report and thanked Chris Mew for his work on child protection and Robert Wood, retiring from the Committee. Chris Mew seconded and adoption of the report was agreed.

David Burgess and Robert Wood retired. Robert Wood was not seeking re-election. The following members were proposed, seconded and elected to fill the 2 vacancies on the Committee: David Burgess and James Smith.

(o) Bell Restoration (pp453-454)

Proposing adoption of the report, Robin Shipp expressed the Committee's thanks to Kate Flavell, who was standing down. Jay Bunyan would be working with Jackie Roberts on queries for FunderFinder and on finding a replacement service. He added that the online appendices to *Organising a Bell Restoration Project* were updated as necessary. Robin reported that donations for Christchurch, New Zealand, could be made via the Central Council and would thus be eligible for Gift Aid. Peter Wilkinson, seconding, noted that 14 of the 28 projects awarded grants in 2010 had now been completed. He thanked Stella Bianco for arranging production of a new jigsaw, sales of which supported the Bell Restoration Fund. Robert Perry commended the jigsaw, which featured a banner from Truro Cathedral. Laith

Reynolds declared an interest as a director of John Taylor & Co and stated that the company proposed to offer a light dismountable ring to Christchurch which could be erected in a public venue, maintaining public awareness of the fate of the Christchurch bells, assisting the band, and hopefully bringing forward the date of work to restore the cathedral bells. The company intended to donate the bells and funds would be sought to pay for fittings and transport. Robin Shipp and the Council officers confirmed that donations received via the Council could be used to support such a scheme if so requested by the Christchurch ringers. Adoption of the report was then agreed.

Pat Albon (co-opted), Kate Flavell, Robin Shipp and Peter Wilkinson retired. Kate Flavell did not seek re-election. The following five members were proposed, seconded and declared elected after the meeting voted to increase the size of the Committee to eleven: Pat Albon, Peter Kirby, William Nash, Robin Shipp and Peter Wilkinson.

(p) Biographies (pp454-455)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Pat Halls, seconded by Margaret Oram, and agreed.

Jane Mason and Judith Rogers retired and did not seek re-election. Dinah Rhymer was no longer a member of Council. The following five members were proposed, seconded and declared elected after the meeting voted to increase the size of the Committee to ten: Richard Andrew, Bill Butler, Patrick Hickey, Brian Hullah and David Willis.

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

15.

(a) Report of the Stewards of the Carter Ringing Machine Collection (RW 29th April 2011, p455)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Alan Berry, who declared an interest as a volunteer at the Bellfoundry Museum, and seconded by Bill Purvis. John Harrison urged the Stewards both to report on and exploit the other items in the collection, as these formed an important part of ringing history. The report was agreed.

(b) Appointment of Stewards for 2011-2014

Alan Berry was proposed by Andrew Wilby and seconded by George Dawson. Bill Purvis was proposed by George Dawson and seconded by Andrew Wilby. There being no other nominations, the President declared them elected.

16.

(a) Report of the Steward of the Rolls of Honour (RW 29th April 2011, p455)

Alan Regin proposed adoption of the report and updated members on work on the new Great War Memorial Book. The Vice-President seconded. John Mulvey suggested that the books should be seen by a wider audience than was possible in the current location at St Paul's and asked the Steward to consider the National Memorial Arboretum as an alternative location. John Harrison supported moving the books so

that they would be seen by non-ringers as well. George Dawson asked if the new book would have space for additional names. Alan replied that an alternative location within St Paul's was under consideration and that the new book would have space for more names. Adoption of the report was then agreed.

(b) Appointment of Steward for 2011-2014

Alan Regin was proposed by Yvonne Cairns and seconded by James Blackburn. There being no other nomination, the President declared him elected.

17.

(a) Report of the Stewards of the Dove Database (RW 29th April 2011, pp455-456)

Adoption of the report was proposed by John Baldwin and seconded by Tim Jackson. Chris Adams queried, given the number of changes made to the database, if it was worth producing a printed edition. John responded that an occasional printed edition was wanted by ringers. Adoption of the report was then agreed.

(b) Appointment of Stewards for 2011-2014

John Baldwin was proposed by Robert Cooles and seconded by Angela Newing. Tim Jackson was proposed by Michael Church and seconded by Patricia Halls. There being no other nominations, the President declared them elected.

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

Report and Accounts

(RW 29th April 2011, p456)

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

19. Future meetings

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

- 2012 – Chester Diocesan Guild
(on Monday 4 June)
- 2013 – Guildford Diocesan Guild
- 2014 – Kent County Association
- 2016 – Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

The President reminded Council that an invitation for 2015 and future years would be welcomed.

Pam Thomson outlined plans for the visit of the Council to Chester in 2012.

Attendance

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

20. Other Business

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

(b) The Hon Secretary reminded members to return badges or badge holders.

(c) Laith Reynolds updated the ANZAB report (RW, 29 Apr, pp448-449) to include the Christchurch earthquake and a local band 12-bell peal at Perth.

(d) John Baldwin thanked the President for all his work for the Council during his tenure in office (applause).

(e) Frank Blagrove noted that 2012 would be the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen and requested the Officers to submit a message of loyal greetings.

(f) Tim Pett requested members of the Ringing Trends Committee to meet to elect a new chairman.

(g) Stephen Pettman asked the Administrative Committee to review the arrangements for the annual meeting and consider moving the Ringing World and Ringing Foundation meetings to the Sunday afternoon.


Votes of Thanks

The President moved a comprehensive vote of thanks to all those involved in the Council's visit to Hereford: to the organising committee of the Hereford Diocesan Guild: Neil Bennett, Martin Harrisson, Chris Kippin, Jenny Lawrence, Jane Mason, Mark Pugh and Colin Ward; and to all the members of the Guild who had willingly given assistance on the Help Desk at that day's meeting and throughout the weekend, provided stewards for the tours and acted as tellers and microphone operatives that day; to the Master of the Guild for his welcome and for his speech at the Sunday evening Reception and Dinner; to Prebendary Robert North for the Songs of Praise service the previous afternoon at St Nicholas' church and for the service of Holy Communion that morning at St Nicholas; to all those involved in the organisation of the Sunday evening Reception and Dinner; and to the incumbents and ringers of the churches who had made their bells available to Council members. (applause).

The President declared the meeting closed at 6.45 pm and invested the new President, Kate Flavell, with the badge of office.

Summary of Attendance

	Members		
	Societies	Present	Absent
Fully represented	52	158	–
Partly represented	10	27	8
Not represented	3	–	3
	65	185	11
Life Members		4	2
Additional Members		10	1
Ex-officio		7	–
		206	14



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Annual Report for 2011

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 2011 were as follows:

	<i>until 30 May</i>
President	Mr A P Smith
Vice-President	Mrs K Flavell
Hon Secretary	Mrs M Bone
Hon Treasurer	Mr D Harbottle
	<i>from 30 May</i>
President	Mrs K Flavell
Vice-President	Mr C Mew
Hon Secretary	Mrs M Bone
Hon Assistant Secretary	Mr R Walker
Hon Treasurer	Mr D Harbottle

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

4. At the close of the Annual General Meeting on 30th May 2011 the Council's membership comprised six Life Members, 11 Additional Members, seven Ex-officio Members and 196 Representative Members representing 65 affiliated societies. Since then one Life Member has died; six Additional Members have retired and six who had been elected at that meeting took office; five Representative Members have resigned and their vacancies have been filled, one by an Additional Member and another by one of those who resigned; two people stopped being and two others became Ex-officio Members, including one of those who resigned as a Representative Member. Two other vacancies in Representative Members have been filled. Subject to any further changes, at the start of the 2012 Council meeting there will be five Life Members, ten Additional Members, seven Ex-officio Members and 198 Representative Members. There are two other vacancies.

Special mention should be made of those who had been members for more than 15 years: Dr John Eisel (Honorary Member, Ex-officio Member) elected 1987; Eric Godfrey (Surrey Association, Honorary Member, Additional Member) elected 1978. Thanks are due to these, and all others not returning, for their services to the Council.

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 2011 are given in the committee reports, which appear elsewhere on the Council's agenda and are being published in the 4th May 2012 issue of *The Ringing World*.

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

8. The Accounts for 2011 show Total Funds at the year-end of £381,806 of which £221,814 is in Restricted Funds. The income for the year totalled £41,926, compared with £56,619 in 2010. The 2011 figures include a grant from the PRS Foundation in respect of the New Music 20x12 project and donations for the Christchurch Cathedral New Zealand bells restoration, whereas the comparative figures for 2010 included a legacy for the Bell Restoration Fund and sales of new publications and CDs in the Publications Fund and Library Fund. The Trustees have the power to invest money and adopt such measures as seem to them necessary in the interest of the Council. They do not have any power to borrow money.

9. It is confirmed that the Council's assets, together with the expected income for 2012, are available and are likely to be adequate to fulfil the object of the Council in that year.

10. Reserves policy:

- (i) General Fund – the balance on the General Fund is invested to produce income which, together with member societies' affiliation

fees, provides sufficient funds to support the work and activities of the Council. The balance also facilitates cash flow and enables the development of new projects and initiatives.

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

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

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

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

MRS M BONE
Honorary Secretary

April 2012

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2011

1 Basis of accounting

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

2 Accounting Policies

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

2.1 Incoming resources

Interest is accounted for when receivable.

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

2.2 Resources expended

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

3 Consistency

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

4 Funds

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

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

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

5 Transfers between Funds

There were no transfers between funds in the current year.

6 Tangible Assets and Intangible Assets

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

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

7 Interest receivable

The interest was received from

	2011 £	2010 £
National Savings		
Investment Bonds	2,888	2,379
Central Board of Finance of the Church of England Deposit	652	504
Other banks	2	70
Total	3,542	2,953

8 Donations and Grants received

Further donations were received in respect of the proposed new volume of the Rolls of Honour. This is included in the General Fund as a designated item and, together with the related gift aid, amounts to £841.

Donations were received in respect of Christchurch Cathedral New Zealand bells restoration following the damage caused by the earthquake to the City of Christchurch. This is included in the Bell Restoration Fund as a restricted item and, together with the related gift aid, amounts to £5,190.

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

throughout 2012, particularly for Olympic related events.

9 Committee Expenses

These were as follows

	2011 £	2010 £
Administrative	437	294
Bell Restoration	142	319
Biographies	102	53
Education	801	641
Information and Communications	265	384
Library	444	426
Publications	215	308
Public Relations	433	386
Redundant Bells	84	0
Ringling Centres	178	101
Ringling Trends	0	236
Towers & Belfries	749	597
Towers & Belfries – sound control seminar	0	154
Carter Ringing Machine Steward	55	0
Dove Steward	44	0
Total	3,949	3,899

10 Grants

The Fred Dukes International Bell Fund awarded two grants totalling £2,200. No grants were paid during the year.

Year awarded	Unpaid 1/1/2011 £	Awarded in 2011 £	Paid in 2011 £	Unpaid 31/12/2011 £
2008	3,022			3,022
2010	3,000			3,000
2011		2,200		2,200
Total	6,022	2,200	0	8,222

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

Year awarded	Unpaid 1/1/2011 £	Awarded in 2011 £	Paid in 2011 £	Unpaid 31/12/2011 £
2010	22,000		-12,300	9,700
2011		0		0
Total	22,000	0	-12,300	9,700

11 Charitable Commitments

There were unfulfilled charitable commitments at 31st December 2011 in respect of five grants totalling £8,222 awarded but not yet paid by the Fred Dukes International Bell Fund, and eight grants totalling £9,700 awarded but not yet paid by the Bell Restoration Fund. There is also a charitable commitment to Christchurch Cathedral New Zealand bells restoration in respect of donations received but not yet paid amounting to £5,190.

12 Publications Fund

Storage and distribution cost of £2,200 was paid to Council members.

13 Payments to Trustees

There were no payments to Trustees.

14 Emoluments of Employees

The Council had no employees during the year.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2011

	Note	General Fund £	Education Courses £	Bell Restoration Fund £	F Dukes International Bell Fund £	Publications Fund £	Library Fund £	Total Funds 2011 £	Total Funds 2010 £
Income and Expenditure									
Incoming resources:									
Affiliation fees		4,000						4,000	4,040
Subscriptions from Friends of Library							1,377	1,377	1,771
Interest receivable	7	1,952	1	144	1,313	56	76	3,542	2,953
Sales of publications, books and CDs						13,878	4,298	18,176	27,104
Sales of jigsaw puzzles and prints				1,223				1,223	879
Sales of training video/dvd		211						211	129
Legacy								0	15,285
Courses and seminars			712					712	750
Stock written back						611		611	563
Donations re Rolls of Honour	8	710						710	2,269
Donations re Christchurch Cathedral NZ	8			4,537				4,537	0
Gift aid		131		653			108	892	315
Grant from PRS Foundation	8	4,800						4,800	0
Other donations		274		813			48	1,135	561
Total incoming resources		12,078	713	7,370	1,313	14,545	5,907	41,926	56,619
Resources expended:									
Council meeting		2,330						2,330	2,416
Committee expenses	9	3,727	7			215		3,949	3,899
Council and other committee costs						359		359	617
Courses and seminars			1,280					1,280	881
Cost of publications sold						8,802	1,696	10,498	17,645
PR Posters/Leaflets								0	1,879
Library maintenance							1,138	1,138	600
Grants for bell restoration	10			12,300	0			12,300	9,700
The Ringing Foundation - grant								0	10,000
Advertising			153			2,491	369	3,013	2,563
Storage and distribution	12					2,200		2,200	2,100
Stationery, postage & telephone		136	2			15	545	698	847
Insurance		1,797				788		2,585	2,617
Stock write off provision						1,875		1,875	0
Stock written off and disposed of						81		81	113
Rolls of Honour		3,137						3,137	0
New Music 20x12 project		4,700						4,700	0
Depreciation of Library Collection							2,021	2,021	2,020
Depreciation of shelving							106	106	106
Sundry expenses							358	358	73
Total resources expended		15,827	1,442	12,300	0	16,826	6,233	52,628	58,076
Net i/c resources before transfers		-3,749	-729	-4,930	1,313	-2,281	-326	-10,702	-1,457
Transfers between funds								0	0
Net movement in funds		-3,749	-729	-4,930	1,313	-2,281	-326	-10,702	-1,457
Balances at 1st January 2011		134,611	2,437	23,004	83,465	26,768	122,223	392,508	393,965
Balances at 31st December 2011		130,862	1,708	18,074	84,778	24,487	121,897	381,806	392,508

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Registered Charity Number 270036

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2011

	General Fund	Education Courses	Bell Rest- oration Fund	F Dukes Internat'l Bell Fund	Public- ations Fund	Library Fund	Total Funds 2011	Total Funds 2010
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets								
Tangible assets								
Investments at cost	90,000			75,310			165,310	165,310
Library Collection						99,055	99,055	101,076
Library shelving						1,272	1,272	1,378
Total fixed assets	90,000	0	0	75,310	0	100,327	265,637	267,764
Current Assets								
Stock					12,295	1,268	13,563	13,115
Debtors and prepayments	888		653		265	772	2,578	2,722
Cash on short term deposit and at bank	43,300	1,861	17,421	9,468	12,301	19,734	104,085	122,329
Total current assets	44,188	1,861	18,074	9,468	24,861	21,774	120,226	138,166
Current Liabilities								
Creditors								
Amounts due within one year	3,326	153			374	204	4,057	13,422
Net current assets	40,862	1,708	18,074	9,468	24,487	21,570	116,169	124,744
Total assets less current liabilities	130,862	1,708	18,074	84,778	24,487	121,897	381,806	392,508
Funds								
Unrestricted	130,574						130,574	132,027
Unrestricted (designated)	288	1,708	2,935		24,487		29,418	47,074
Restricted			15,139	84,778		121,897	221,814	213,407
Total Funds	130,862	1,708	18,074	84,778	24,487	121,897	381,806	392,508

Derek Harbottle
Hon Treasurer April 2012

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS**TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE**

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

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

Administrative Committee

Since the 2011 Council meeting the Committee has met twice in London, in October and March. The Committee has continued its practice of reviewing the work of Council Committees and received presentations from the Public Relations Committee in October and the Methods Committee in March. In March Committee chairmen advised which members would be retiring under the provisions of rule 14 (i) and the committee sizes needed for next year. Lots were drawn for those elected members of the Administrative Committee to retire this year.

The arrangements for the 2012 Council meeting were discussed and agreed; this included recommending a change to the date of the annual meeting of The Ringing Foundation Ltd for 2012 and 2013 in response to comments and suggestions received by the President after the 2011 meeting. A web-based survey was conducted on circulating papers for the Annual Meeting by electronic means to those Council members with email.

Membership of The Ringing Foundation Ltd or The Ringing World Ltd when either annual meeting is held before the Central Council's annual meeting: a paper on the implications of this for new members of Council at the commencement of a triennium was prepared by Tony Smith and discussed in March. An amendment to Rule 5 (iii) to clarify the position appears on the Agenda.

Change Ringing for the Future: the March meeting considered the results of the national conference held at Wellesbourne on 12 November 2011 and a draft paper on future strategy and actions for the Council and ringing societies. The revised paper will be presented to members at the Chester meeting.

Other matters considered by the Committee included:

Guidance on committee expenses: this was revised by the Treasurer, approved by the Committee at its March meeting and subsequently placed on the website.

Supporting statements to accompany nominations for Additional Members: guidance was agreed and placed on the website.

Council Finances: the General Fund was reviewed at both meetings, but with interest rates remaining low, expenditure continued to be greater than income. However, forecast expenditure to produce the new volume of the Rolls of Honour was now covered by donations received in the last two years and the grant received from the PRS Foundation covered the fees due to the composer and production company in respect of the New Music 20x12 project. The level of the affiliation subscription was reviewed, and the committee proposed no change for 2013 leaving the rate at £25 per representative member for a second year.

Church Buildings Council (formerly Council for the Care of Churches) & English Heritage: a meeting was held on 10 October 2011, attended also by the Committee for Redundant Bells. Items discussed included metal thefts from churches; the DAC bell advisers' conference at Southwell; completion of *Church Bell Frames: guidance notes for*

identifying historic significance and preparing reports; and the future of bells in closed or closing churches. The Committee for Redundant Bells will prepare a paper on this for the next meeting on 25 June 2012. The 2012 DAC bell advisers' conference will be held in Worcester on 13 June.

Ecclesiastical Insurance Group (EIG): A meeting was held with EIG on 22 March 2012 where matters of mutual interest were discussed. EIG confirmed that they get very few ringing-related claims and they are aware of how safety-conscious ringers are. The minutes are published in *The Ringing World*.

Ex officio:

KATE FLAVELL (*President*)
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ROBIN SHIPP (*Bell Restoration*)

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ALAN FROST
ROBERT LEWIS
ANTHONY LOVELL-WOOD
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Appendix

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

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

A business interest of this sort does not preclude Societies or the Council from electing such members to represent them or to hold office within the Council. However, for the

avoidance of any possible misunderstanding, members are asked to follow this guidance.

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

Education Committee

Since the Council meeting in 2011 the Committee has held three face-to-face meetings at Wellesbourne in Warwickshire. We welcomed three new members: James Blackburn (Beverley & District), Deborah Thorley (Yorkshire Association) and Duncan Walker (Carlisle Diocesan Guild).

It has been a busy year with the focus of our attention being the organisation of a national conference in November. The original proposal had been to arrange an Education Officers' Conference for those who are involved in teaching ringing at association or branch level. This was soon overtaken by events when it became clear from discussions with the Administrative Committee that there were much wider issues at stake.

Instead of confining the scope of the conference to training matters, this Committee found itself spearheading an event with a much broader brief. The Wellesbourne gathering, "Change Ringing for the Future", on 12th November was a consultation exercise on a large scale. It has since been well reported and its ripples continue to spread beyond the remit of our Committee.

Our overhaul of existing courses and material is ongoing. Current projects include adapting the Listening Course for use with standard PC software, plus developing the Mentored Conducting scheme for aspiring conductors. The latter has moved forward from a trial phase and is now "Open for Business". Take-up has started to increase, with four students joining in recent months, but there is capacity for more to join as well. Additional mentors are also being recruited, in line with re-branding from "Conduct5040" to "support4u2conduct", ensuring a broader appeal. In order to drive further people's transition from simple "bob-calling" to the broader conducting skills, the Committee is planning to pull together and further develop the available material, for training and reference. More details are available at www.support4u2conduct.org.



Instructor Steve Popple explaining the correct tail-end hold at the Cinque Ports Ringing Centre

Education Committee members have been proactive in attending and presenting ITTS courses. Six of the ten ITTS tutors are Committee members, and four now serve on the Management Committee of the newly formed Association of Ringing Teachers. Of the ten ITTS Module One courses run since the 2011 Council meeting, Committee members tutored five. The attendance figures for all ten courses are 87 prospective new teachers, 51 mentors, and 9 observers. Three Module Two courses were held, all of which were tutored and observed by Committee members; 20 new teachers, 13 mentors, and 5 observers attended.

An *ad hoc* course on tower leadership was produced for the Bath & Wells Axbridge Branch and the material written for this event is being adapted for more general use. The Committee arranged two courses in Kent, a one-day course and an experimental course presented in weekly instalments; 8 students in all were involved. An enquiry about a Listening Course in October 2012 has been received from the Wirral Branch of the Chester Guild.

A year after the event we have had much positive feedback from ringing teachers in the USA who attended the Teaching the Teachers course in Atlanta and Marietta. A compilation of their responses will be published shortly.

Articles written by Committee members for *The Ringing World* have appeared each month, a variety of topics being covered. The series about the psychology of learning, "Learning –



New teachers Mick Johnson and Jean Easley being instructed by their mentor Paul Barton during the ITTS course in Thanet; new teacher Sarat White is in the background

what helps, what hinders", concluded with hints for teachers of learners with disabilities and is now finished. A series for tower leaders with little experience, "Learning Together", is running currently.

The New Ringer's Book continues to sell well and Simon Linford's *Judging Striking Competitions* is in the final stages before going to print. Wall charts illustrating good and poor handling are ready for printing once the details of distribution have been resolved. Work continues on writing material for a teaching manual, essentially for new ringing teachers and complementary to *The New Ringer's Book*. Producing a text for handbell ringing is under consideration. Writing new material is seen as an important part of the Committee's remit.

Many people have assisted the Committee with its work and we extend our thanks to them all, particularly to those whose efforts and encouragement made the Wellesbourne conference such a success. In the coming year we look forward to closer liaison with the Ringing Foundation, the Ringing Centres Committee, and other groups charged with ensuring the future of the Exercise.

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BRIAN SANDERS (*Treasurer*)
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GILL HUGHES
CATHERINE LEWIS
PIP PENNEY
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DUNCAN WALKER

Information and Communications Technology Committee

We have continued to maintain and grow the CCCBR website in its present form. The increased workload in recent months has made it clear that without two more people with, or able to acquire, the appropriate skills and willing to volunteer several hundred hours* a year we will not be able to migrate the website to a Content Management System without paid professional help. Also, without one more such person the on-going viability of the website depends on the continued availability of both the systems administrator and the webmaster.

* An informal, independent analysis of the webmaster's email traffic indicates that updates and maintenance to the content and appearance of the website take on average one hour each day, and requests for changes or updates are usually resolved within 1 working day, and often sooner. This is a significant level of service, and better than many professional hosting companies will offer.

Achievements

- Cheaper, higher capacity hosting services contract negotiated by Aidan Hopkins.
- Test system for the Drupal Content Management System established by Alan Chantler.

- 75 more biographical records added, as well as a number of updates to existing biographies, for the Biographies Committee by Stuart Piper.
- Significant website content has been added to cover the Diamond Jubilee celebrations and the Olympic Games with input from the President and the Public Relations Committee.
- Greatly enhanced Things to ring for ... lists based on input from the Public Relations Committee.
- Worked with John Harrison to make all four volumes of *The Learning Curve* available online in the Education Committee's section of the website.

On-going work

- Routine updates and content additions to various sections of the website. This includes daily updates and maintenance of the Felstead website by Andrew Craddock.

Future plans

- Obtain and evaluate cost estimates for professional management of our website server and for the implementation of a CMS.
- Put more urgent emphasis on reducing the Council's dependence on Aidan Hopkins and Peter Trotman.

Acknowledgements

We remain grateful for the continuing contributions of Richard Allton, Claire Bell and Paul Johnson to their sections of the website; to Aidan Hopkins as server administrator; and to Andrew Craddock, Don Morrison and Tina Stoecklin, former members of this committee, for their continuing advice and support.

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Library Committee

John Eisel was presented with a framed print from the *Illustrated London News* of 31 May 1856 entitled "Peace rejoicings – ringing the bells" by Tony Smith, CC President, at the Hereford CC Meeting to mark John's retirement as Library Steward.

This occasion was followed by an article entitled "A retrospect on 19 years as Custodian of the Central Council Library" written by John Eisel and published in the 1 July issue (page 689) of *The Ringing World*. John has handed over the reins to Alan Glover, but he certainly hasn't retired from researching, compiling, editing and typing for the benefit of the Exercise! The committee members have recognised John's great contribution by inviting him to become an Honorary Life Member of the Friends.

Relocation of the stock was done in stages by John and Alan, to whom we are very grateful for making twelve journeys to/from Hereford and Worthen and only charging for the diesel!

Our latest publication: "Order & Disorder in the Eighteenth Century: Newspaper Extracts



*The Central Council Library now in
Alan Glover's home in Worthen, Shropshire*
(Photo by Anthony Bianco)

about Church Bells and Bell Ringing” compiled by Cyril Wratten and edited by John Eisel has been reprinted, together with the new Supplement compiled by John – see *RW* advertisement on page 1251 or www.cccbr.org.uk/library/publications. Chris Pickford kindly reviewed both items for us: see *RW* page 19 of 6 January 2012.

John has made considerable progress with the nineteenth century newspaper extracts, which it is intended will be published by the Library Committee. The next volume covers the period 1800-1829 and is well advanced. John is also providing material to be added to the Felstead database. We still plan to publish a bound volume of c60 of John Eisel's articles for *The Ringing World*.

Paul Johnson has made *Campanology* (16 Sep 1896 – 10 Mar 1897) and *The Bellringer* (5 Jan 1907 – 1 Jun 1907) magazines available on the Library Committee website. He is now working on the next *Ringing World* DVD 1941-1970, with plans to have it available for sale in 2012. As a result of our December advertising splash, the *RW* DVD 1911-1940 continues to sell well, plus the Bell News DVD, the two Ringing Periodicals CD, Trollope Manuscript CD and the Library Catalogue, which all continue to keep the ringing fraternity alert to the work of the Library. See the CCCBR Library Committee website, including special prices for Friends.

We would like to loan the duplicate set of Ringing Worlds to a Guild/Association - after it has been scanned for the 1941-1970 DVD. For example, the duplicate set of *Bell News* is on loan to the Truro DG Library. Please contact the Steward for information.

Several people kindly offered to assist with converting old recordings held on records, cassettes and videos to DVD and we hope to progress this work as soon as we have finished prioritising the material.

We were pleased to welcome Greg Morris (North Wales Association) to the committee. He has professional librarian experience and is assisting Alan Glover with producing an online catalogue.

Since June four items have been lent out, and a further sixty-six queries have been dealt with by letter or email. Many of these have been from Pat Halls on behalf of the Biographies Committee or Alan Baldock in connection with the Felstead records. Others have concerned personal research by individual ringers and a number of enquiries from various sections of the media. The main project has been preparing various catalogues or indexes ready for the time when the CC website is able to host them. These include updates to the main catalogue and a subject index for the manuscripts and ephemera. All are ongoing.

In addition to the annual reports which we have received, 75 items have been added to the catalogue in 2011. We are most grateful to those who have donated books, articles and manuscripts.

Alison Hodge wrote a letter to *The Ringing World* (page 1234) entitled: “Who do you think ‘they’ are?” to encourage grassroots ringers to value/save the ephemera in their ringing chambers before the names and ephemera are lost. The Chairman of the Biographies Committee took the opportunity of replying to the Editor and endorsing our message. We suggest Alison's idea is passed on to newsletter editors.

Alison Hodge has kindly made available the draft rules she has compiled as Librarian of the Worcs & Districts Association. Should anyone be interested, please contact her for a copy: hodgeam@btinternet.com

The Committee is planning to hold another “Outreach Day” in Spring 2013 for those interested in ringing books, ephemera etc and issues such as the future of Guild/Association libraries. Please watch for publicity in *The Ringing World*, in due course.

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IAN SELF

Methods Committee

The Methods Committee held two meetings in the year, in Whitchurch, Hampshire on 9 April, and at St Catharine's College, Cambridge on 9 October. Much of the work of the committee involves considering interpretation of and changes to the Council's Decisions. We have looked into a number of areas this year, and proposed two changes to the Decisions which were passed at the 2011 meeting.

We have continued revising the methods-related pages of *The Ringing World Diary*, providing replacements for the Doubles, Plain Triples and Caters sections in the 2012 Diary. This year we plan to replace the Cinques pages, which are the last “old” pages that remain. Our approach going forwards will be to maintain a core set of the frequently-rung “standard methods”, and in addition to feature a selection of other interesting

methods, which we will change from year to year. We would like to thank Roger Bailey for his help with the layout of these pages in this and previous years.

The Committee is responsible for the Council's Method Collections which are available on line in HTML and computer readable format at <http://methods.org.uk>. We are extremely grateful to Tony Smith for making weekly updates to add new methods. These collections are a valuable resource for ringers and the data contained in them is used by several ringing programs. They now contain over 17,000 methods.

We are considering how the Committee can support Change Ringing for the Future initiatives by providing resources that will appeal to technically-minded younger ringers. This would include writing or commissioning articles and providing web materials that will stimulate a wider interest in methods and related technical topics, and aid retention of that subset of young ringers who have leanings in a mathematical direction.

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

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Peal Records Committee

The Peals Analysis

We have recorded a total of 5030 peals rung in 2011 and published in *The Ringing World* up to 9th March, of which 4288 were on tower bells and 742 on handbells. The revised total for 2010 is 4950 – a net increase of 80. Full details are included in the methods table that accompanies this report. The Yorkshire Association is the leading society with 342, a narrow margin over the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The Chester Guild is once again the leading society for handbell peals with 101. Once again, eighteen societies rang 100 or more peal in 2010. Please see separate table for details of peals rung for individual societies.

At this time, we believe there are still a number of performances that have not yet been received by *The Ringing World*, including one in a new method, which are not included in the totals and lists below. We would encourage the conductors and bands to submit these for publication in *The Ringing World* so that they can be included in the adjustments next year.

There has been much discussion around the publication of ‘non-compliant’ peals in *The Ringing World*. After some discussion our advice is that the Editor has the right to decide how any performance is published, and the format it is in, based on how it is submitted to him. However, the decision as to how a performance is included in our analysis is for this committee, and will be based only on those

published in *The Ringing World*. The Editor does still have an obligation to refer any performance over 10,000 to us prior to publication.

Record Peals

There were three record peals rung in 2011, together with a number of other peals over 10,000 changes. The record peals are detailed in the Records table below.

Peals not complying with the Decisions on Peal Ringing

We have identified four performances published as peals in *The Ringing World* that do not comply with Decision D (Parts A-D) relating to peal ringing. They were all rung on dumbbells using a simulator, three of them at Hopton Heath, Shropshire (the Marches Teaching Belfry) and one at Brampton, Cambridgeshire, St Mary Magdalene.

Towers

The following 78 towers had 10 or more peals in 2011: (77 in 2010):-

- 54 Meldreth
- 46 Leeds, W Yorks (St. Anne)
- 39 Thorverton
- 38 Huntsham
- 32 City of London (St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street), Marston Bigot (Pig le Tower)
- 30 Milton
- 29 Awbridge (Clock House Bells), Oxford (St. Thomas), Shepton Beauchamp
- 28 Birmingham (Cathedral), Bishopstoke
- 24 Ipswich (Old Stoke, The Wolery)
- 23 Harrogate (St. Wilfrid), Maidstone (All Saints), Sheffield (Dore), Spitalfields
- 22 Keele (Woodlands), Maidstone (St. Michael)
- 21 Bishopsteignton (Bishops Ting Tong)
- 20 East Huntspill (Little Orchard Tower)
- 17 Burghill, Church Lawford (The Plantagenet Ring), Shoreditch, Thatcham
- 16 Belper, Croydon (South Croydon), Dordrecht ('t Klockhuys), Leicester (St. Mary de Castro), Salby
- 15 Amersham, Burnley (St. Peter), Grundisburgh, Oxford (St. Mary Magdalen), Warnham (Bell Meadow Peal)
- 14 Campton, Knottingley, Liverpool (Garston), Longcot, Northallerton, Rotherham (All Saints), Terling
- 13 Burton Latimer, Cambridge (St. Mary), City of London (St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside), Hexham, Lundy Island, Sproxton, Stratton St. Margaret, Worsley
- 12 Barrow Gurney, Birmingham (St. Paul), Hanbury (Worcs), Portsmouth (Cathedral), Rothwell (Nhants), Winford
- 11 Birmingham (Northfield), Bradford Peverell, Bristol (Cathedral), Bristol (St. Stephen), Cambridge (Trumpington), Farnworth and Kearsley, Hughenden, New York, Walkden, Worcester (Cathedral)
- 10 Birmingham (St. Martin), East Ilsley, Heptonstall, Middleton (Gtr Man), Newburn on Tyne, Stubbington (Narnia Campanile), Towcester (St. Lawrence), West Bridgford, Westminster (Strand), Willoughby on the Wolds, Windsor (St. John), York (St. Lawrence)

There were also 22 handbell venues where 10 or more peals were rung 2011.

First pealers and firsts as conductor

We have noted 159 people who rang their first peal in 2011 (149 in 2010) and 28 firsts as conductor (32 in 2010). We congratulate all those involved in these performances particularly where several firsts were included in one peal.

The data in last year's report showed that there was a gradual decline in the number of people ringing their first peal but the numbers have stabilised and it is possible with events like the Olympics that more first peals could be rung this year.

The number of firsts as conductor has fluctuated over the past ten years but the total for 2011 is the lowest for some time, perhaps reflecting the trend for many people to ring as established members of a band where perhaps the conducting is not shared.

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

Corrections to the 2010 Analysis

There are a number of alterations to the 2010 Analysis owing to late publication which are detailed below. Corrections relate to tower bells except where specified.

Bath & Wells	Major +1
Cambridge University	Major (hand) +2
Ely	Maximus -1
Lichfield & Walsall	Minor +1
Yorkshire	Maximus +1; Major (hand) +1
Non Association	Maximus -1
Non-Affiliated	
	Doubles +1, Minor +1, Major +5;
	Major (hand) +1, Royal (hand) +1

The amended methods analysis for 2010 is shown in the 2011 methods table, which forms part of this report. Revised totals for 2010 are: tower bells 4208, handbells 742, total 4950.

The Felstead Project

Work on maintaining the accuracy of the Felstead database has continued during the year. Andrew Craddock is responsible for all peal data post-1989 and downloads the data regularly from *The Ringing World*, *Bellboard* and *Campanophile* websites for all new peals rung; the committee is grateful for his doing this work. Alan Baldock continues to look after the data for all pre-1990 peals.

Many instances of inaccuracy on the database where the name of the method does not appear in the Council's record of method names have been corrected but there are still a lot more outstanding. The most common reason for this is that the name had to be changed after being published and either no correction was published or a correction was not picked up and the record card changed. There are also a number of peals, which have been found to be false, still appearing on the database as valid. Work is on-going to correct the inaccuracies in these areas but it is quite a lengthy task sometimes requiring a number of enquiries being made before the correct status of a peal is discovered.

We continue to receive notification from various ringers of some previously unrecorded

or inaccurately recorded peals and the committee is grateful to all who have contributed in any way to the accuracy of the data. Alan Glover has been of great help in answering queries by reference to the material in the library. John Eisel's on-going work with the extracts from eighteenth and nineteenth century newspapers has resulted in over 130 previously unrecorded peals being added to the database and corrections being made to about 50 others.

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First peals in methods rung on Tower Bells

January		
1	5088 Norbury D Major	Yorkshire A
2	5184 Win Hill D Major	Yorkshire A
5	5040 Ladybird A Major	Oxford DG
5	5024 Totley Moss D Major	Yorkshire A
6	5056 Magi D Major	Amersham Guild
6	5056 Jolly's Bottom TB Major	Dorset CA
6	5040 Ness S Royal	Lancashire A
7	5040 Hindstile S Royal	Peterboro DG
8	5056 Waldron S Major	Sussex CA
8	5120 Dreamship S Major	ANZAB
9	5088 San Marino S Major	Barrow & District Soc
13	5088 Killiecrankie TB Major	Dorset CA
13	5000 Woolfox S Royal	Leicester DG
13	5056 Oldmixon D Major	Bath & Wells DA
20	5088 Oxenwood S Major	Glos & Bris DA
20	5120 Lickey End TB Major	Dorset CA
25	5080 Qattara S Royal	Non-Association
26	5152 Low Edges D Major	Yorkshire A
26	5088 Swine S Major	Bath & Wells DA
27	5088 Myrmica TB Major	Dorset CA
27	5088 Salford D Major	Lancashire A
29	5024 Muse S Major	Yorkshire A
29	5088 St Agatha S Major	G St Agatha
29	5152 Town Street S Major	Yorkshire A
30	5120 John Of The Cross S Major	ANZAB
31	5088 Instone S Major	Derby DA
31	5180 Heptonstall A Major	Lancashire A

February		
3	5056 Candlemas S Major	Amersham Guild
3	5040 Cairn Toul S Royal	G Devonshire Ringers
3	5184 Netherthong TB Major	Dorset CA
4	5040 Xenops S Royal	Peterboro DG
6	5024 Bar T'at S Major	Yorkshire A
13	5056 Caerdydd S Major	Bath & Wells DA
14	5040 Riverhead S Maximus	St Martin's G
14	5088 Wensleydale D Major	St James' G
14	5900 Rotherham Minster A Maximus	Yorkshire A
17	5088 Onacock TB Major	Dorset CA
19	5040 Shrivensham Village S Royal	Oxford DG
24	5088 Piddle TB Major	Dorset CA
24	5040 Quinag D Royal	G Devonshire Ringers
26	5152 Whorlton S Major	Yorkshire A
26	5012 Carriage Hall A Major	S'well & Nottm DG
27	5040 Iltios A Major	Oxford DG
28	5088 Widecombe-in-the-Moor D Major	Dorset CA
28	5024 Spitalfields Market S Major	St James' G

March		
3	5070 Queenstown A Major	S'well & Nottm DG
5	5120 Yaptom Marsh S Major	Sussex CA
5	5088 Angela Bass S Major	SRCY
5	5040 Northamptonshire H Minor	Peterboro DG
7	5024 Cocker Hoop D Major	St Martin's G
8	5054 Spitfire Little S Royal	Win & Ports DG
10	5152 Shortwood D Major	Glos & Bris DA
10	5040 Jongsong S Royal	G Devonshire Ringers
12	5152 Orland D Major	Yorkshire A
12	5152 Canon's Marsh S Major	Glos & Bris DA
12	5040 Toll Bar Island S Royal	Coventry DG
15	5040 River Medway S Royal	Kent CA
16	5056 Nethergreen D Major	Yorkshire A
19	5040 Chilterns S Royal	Amersham Guild
24	5000 Westcotes S Royal	Leicester DG

First peals in methods rung on Hand Bells

January
12 5040 Derwent D Royal Leicester DG
12 5148 Summer Lane A Maximus Oxford DG

March
14 5040 Chicxulub D Royal Lancashire A
16 5042 Woodspring S Maximus Oxford DG

April			
6	5184	Temple Row D Maximus	Oxford DG
13	5040	Spitalfields D Maximus	Oxford DG

May		
2	5152 Iddesleigh D Major	Leicester DG
11	5152 Eardisland D Major	Leicester DG
25	5040 Worthington S Royal	Oxford DG

June
22 5040 Botolfstun S Roval Leicester DG

July			
6	5053	Spliced Cinques/Maximus	Oxford DG
13	5184	Maypole A Royal	ASCY
18	5152	Ashbourne D Major	Leicester DG

August		
1	5152 West Sussex D Major	Leicester DG
10	5152 Sleaford D Major	Leicester DG
15	5040 Tyneside S Maximus	Leicester DG
17	5042 Scarlet S Maximus	Oxford DG
31	5040 Scarlati S Maximus	Oxford DG

September		
5	5056 Katenian D Major	Leicester DG
15	5120 Victoria S Major	Univ London Soc
19	5152 Yelling D Major	Leicester DG
26	5280 Island Gardens S Major	Middx CA & Lon DG
28	5040 Hobgoblin S Royal	Leicester DG

October
26 5056 Dingley D Major Leicester DG

November
12 5040 Double Helix Differential Major ASCY
16 5040 Yffenni S Royal Oxford DG

December
20 5056 Turramurra S Major ANZAB

Record peals

April
22 10368 Plain B Caters Win & Ports DG

October
29 10000 Xenolite S Royal Lancashire A

27 13824 Lincolnshire S Major Win & Ports DG

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Did you know that *The Ringing World's* peals.co.uk website has an automatically updated list of

leading peal-ringers
www.peals.co.uk/ringers_top50.asp,

conductors **www.peals.co.uk/conductors_top50.asp,**

towers
www.peals.co.uk/towers_top50.asp,

handbell locations
www.peals.co.uk/hndlocs_top50.asp

and guilds
www.peals.co.uk/guilds_top50.asp?

Check it out!

Peals by Society

2011		TOWER																HAND																Society Total
		4	5	6	5/	6/	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Tower total	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	Hand Total							
	Ancient Society of College Youths	0	1	0	7	0	6	59	10	2	28	21	5	53	0	0	3	195	0	0	19	1	0	3	2	0	1	26						
	Australia & New Zealand Association	0	3	0	4	0	3	9	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	24	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	5							
	Bath & Wells Diocesan Association	0	10	1	45	0	9	136	4	1	37	5	0	15	0	0	263	0	4	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	9							
	Bedfordshire Association	0	1	0	12	0	4	29	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
	Beverley & District Society	0	5	0	13	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
	Birmingham University Society	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8							
	Bristol University Society	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
	Cambridge University Guild	0	0	0	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	7	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	4							
	Carlisle Diocesan Guild	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1							
	Central Council	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4							
	Chester Diocesan Guild	0	0	0	10	0	3	18	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	36	0	16	0	47	0	0	32	0	6	101							
	Coventry Diocesan Guild	0	2	0	5	0	5	22	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	39	0	6	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	10							
	Derby Diocesan Association	0	1	0	9	0	1	32	1	0	6	1	1	1	0	0	53	0	3	1	8	0	1	5	1	1	21							
	Devonshire Guild	0	1	0	60	0	0	82	3	0	21	1	0	12	0	0	180	0	1	0	13	3	0	3	0	2	22							
	Dorset County Association	0	0	0	17	0	2	43	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
	Durham & Newcastle Diocesan Association	0	2	0	8	0	2	41	4	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
	Durham University Society	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
	Ely Diocesan Association	0	0	0	10	0	3	75	2	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	96	0	1	0	10	1	0	8	0	2	22							
	Essex Association	0	0	1	25	0	0	26	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
	Four Shires Guild	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
	Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association	0	6	0	9	0	10	71	5	0	16	4	0	3	0	0	124	0	1	0	23	0	0	1	0	0	25							
	Guildford Diocesan Guild	0	0	0	4	0	6	19	3	0	11	1	1	2	0	1	48	0	2	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	9							
	Hereford Diocesan Guild	0	24	2	27	0	3	51	2	0	11	1	0	1	0	0	122	0	6	0	9	0	4	0	0	0	19							
	Hertford County Association	0	3	0	13	0	3	23	2	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	50	0	5	0	11	0	0	1	0	0	17							
	Irish Association	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
	Kent County Association	0	2	0	24	0	5	44	1	0	23	3	0	0	0	0	102	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3							
	Ladies' Guild	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
	Lancashire Association	0	3	0	19	0	6	109	2	0	51	0	0	9	0	0	199	0	8	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	18							
	Leicester Diocesan Guild	0	0	0	1	0	2	24	1	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	8	0	13	0	0	0	5	43								
	Lichfield & Walsall Archdeacons Society	0	2	0	25	0	0	19	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	51	0	3	0	11	0	0	1	0	0	15							
	Lincoln Diocesan Guild	0	3	0	29	0	0	39	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	72	0	5	0	21	1	0	0	0	28								
	Liverpool Universities Society	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1							
	Llandaff & Monmouth Diocesan Association	0	10	0	11	0	5	17	3	0	2	6	0	1	0	0	55	1	3	0	12	0	0	3	0	0	19							
	London University Society	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	7							
	Middlesex County Association & London Diocesan Guild	0	0	1	5	0	3	16	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	1	0	30	0	0	9	0	0	40							
	North American Guild	0	0	0	1	0	2	19	3	0	2	4	0	1	0	0	32	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	7							
	North Staffordshire Association	0	0	0	14	0	3	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
	North Wales Association	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
	Norwich Diocesan Association	0	7	0	17	0	2	9	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	40	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5							
	Oxford Diocesan Guild	0	7	0	64	0	5	140	5	0	29	0	2	0	0	0	252	0	0	17	0	0	0	40	1	26	84							
	Oxford Society	0	0	0	3	0	4	6	0	0	12	2	0	1	0	0	34	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1							
	Oxford University Society	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
	Peterborough Diocesan Guild	0	3	0	10	0	0	21	1	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
	Salisbury Diocesan Guild	0	5	0	11	0	2	7	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
	Scottish Association	0	2	0	3	0	0	10	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	6							
	Shropshire Association	0	0	0	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
	Society of Royal Cumberland Youths	0	1	0	6	0	0	143	1	0	30	3	0	18	0	0	202	0	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	8							
	Southwell & Nottingham Diocesan Guild	1	2	0	35	0	1	43	2	0	14	0	0	6	0	0	104	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
	St Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham	0	1	0	4	0	8	18	3	0	7	10	2	23	0	1	77	1	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	11							
	Suffolk Guild	0	11	0	45	0	9	55	5	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	128	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
	Surrey Association	0	9	0	3	0	3	19	1	0	2	4	0	1	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
	Sussex County Association	0	1	0	21	0	10	46	5	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	88	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4							
	Swansea & Brecon Diocesan Guild	0	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
	Truro Diocesan Guild	0	2	0	0	0	22	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1							
	Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild	0	1	0	15	0	5	30	16	2	30	2	0	9	0	0	111	0	12	0	17	0	5	0	0	4	38							
	Worcestershire & Districts Association	0	1	0	3	0	5	10	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
	Yorkshire Association	0	6	0	42	0	14	166	12	0	35	8	0	18	0	0	301	0	14	0	19	0	7	0	0	1	41							
	Sub-total - Affiliated	1	143	6	706	0	181	1787	128	5	462	86	9	187	0	2	3	3707	3	124	13	338	6	1	139	4	2							
	Non Association	0	0	0	8	0	8	43	9	0	33	13	0	27	0	0	142	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	4							
	Non-Affiliated	0	10	0	57	1	7	219	17	2	62	17	1	44	1	0	439	0	33	1	12	0	4	0	1	0	4							
	Totals	1	153	6	771	1	196	2049	154	7	557	116	10	258	1	2	1	5	4288	4	157	14	351	6	1	144	4							

Analysis of Peals by method and change on year

	TOWER			HAND			TOTAL				TOWER			HAND			TOTAL		
	2011	2010	+/-	2011	2010	+/-	2011	2010	+/-		2011	2010	+/-	2011	2010	+/-	2011	2010	+/-
Sixteen	5	2	+3	0	1	-1	5	3	+2										
Septuples	1	2	-1	0	0	0	1	2	-1										
Fourteen	2	1	+1	1	1	0	3	2	+1										
Sextuples/Fourteen	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	1	-1										
Sextuples	1	0	+1	0	3	-3	1	3	-2										
Maximus																			
Spliced S	28	11		9	7		37	18											
Other Spliced	17	25		5	1		22	26											
Bristol Surprise	63	80		10	8		73	88											
Cambridge Surprise	60	68		7	15		67	83											
Yorkshire Surprise	37	58		6	7		43	65											
Other Single Surprise	37	43		12	11		49	54											
Other	16	10		9	6		25	16											
Total	258	295	-37	58	55	+3	316	350	-34										
Cinques/Maximus	10	10	0	2	0	+2	12	10	+2										
Cinques																			
Stedman	105	77		4	7		109	84											
Other	11	20		0	0		11	20											
Total	116	97	+19	4	7	-3	120	104	+16										
Royal																			
Spliced Surprise	58	42		19	20		77	62											
Other Spliced	3	5		1	2		4	7											
Cambridge Surprise	85	86		23	24		108	110											
Yorkshire Surprise	82	93		29	14		111	107											
Bristol Surprise	85	82		6	7		91	89											
London No.3 Surprise	49	42		8	6		57	48											
Lincolnshire Surprise	19	26		11	4		30	30											
Other Surprise	124	136		18	11		142	147											
Single Delight	41	33		3	11		44	44											
Other	11	25		26	25		37	50											
Total	557	570	-13	144	124	+20	701	694	+7										
Caters/Royal	7	4	+3	1	0	+1	8	4	+4										
Caters																			
Grandsire	57	67		1	2		58	69											
Stedman	86	94		4	10		90	104											
Other	11	9		1	0		12	9											
Total	154	170	-16	6	12	-6	160	182	-22										
Major																			
Spliced Surprise	351	318		54	78		406	396											
Other Spliced	9	11		8	5		17	16											
Yorkshire Surprise	187	192		50	53		237	245											
Bristol Surprise	220	196		27	19		247	215											
Cambridge Surprise	120	100		23	18		143	118											
London Surprise	64	79		5	9		69	88											
Superlative Surprise	59	58		11	9		70	67											
Lincolnshire Surprise	50	50		9	10		59	60											
Rutland Surprise	48	50		8	9		56	59											
Lessness Surprise	38	33		2	1		40	34											
Glasgow Surprise	26	27		0	6		26	33											
Pudsey Surprise	19	25		4	6		23	31											
Uxbridge Surprise	22	16		1	1		23	17											
Cornwall Surprise	20	10		0	0		20	10											
Other Surprise	508	484		7	11		515	495											
Single Delight	150	142		8	2		158	144											
Plain Bob	56	44		69	66		125	110											
Double Norwich CB	43	29		2	0		45	29											
Kent Treble Bob	2	4		43	32		45	36											
Other	57	46		20	11		77	57											
Total	2049	1914	+135	351	346	+6	2400	2260	+140										
Triples/Major	0	3	-3	0	0	0	0	3	-3										
Triples																			
Stedman	88	88		12	9		100	97											
Grandsire	70	74		1	2		71	76											
Plain Bob	21	20		0	0		21	20											
Other	17	6		1	0		18	6											
Total	196	188	+8	14	11	+3	210	199	+11										
Minor/Triples	1	0	+1	0	0	0	1	0	+1										
Minor																			
8+ Methods		178			67			245											
Spliced Surprise	72			15			87												
Spliced Other	6			3			9												
Surprise	48			13			61												
Other	20			13			33												
7 Methods		383			34		417												
Surprise	288			26			314												
Other	110			14			124												
2-6 Methods		109			27		136												
Surprise	16			3			19												
Other	75			19			94												
Plain Bob Minor	43	46		31	22		74	68											
Cambridge Surprise	59	50		8	6		67	56											
Other Surprise	25	20		9	21		34	41											
Other	9			3			12												
Total	771	786	-15	157	177	-20	928	963	-35										
Doubles/Minor	6	1	+5	0	1	-1	6	2	+4										
Doubles																			
2+ Methods	126	123		0	0		126	123											
Grandsire	12	20		1	0		13	20											
Stedman	9	12		3	4		12	16											
Other	6	4		0	0		6	4											
Total	153	159	-6	4	4	0	157	163	-6										
Minimus	1	5	-4	0	0	0	1	5	-4										
Total	4288	4208	+80	742	742	0	5030	4950	+80										

Public Relations Committee

Four new members joined the Committee at last year's Council making us up to strength for the first time in a number of years. Over the last year various rôles have changed: Barrie Dove is now Chairman; Helen Udall is Secretary; James Forster is dealing with *Learn to Ring!* and Rupert Littlewood has taken over University Liaison. Claire Bell has stood down from the

Committee during the year. Nick Jones (PR Officer for the Llandaff and Monmouth DA) has been co-opted onto the Committee to keep the numbers up to strength, and has already made his presence felt.

The PRC continues to meet on a regular basis with much of its work done by email and telephone. We continue to update the 'Things to ring for' pages on the Central Council website and answer questions and enquiries made to it. We have submitted articles to *The Ringing World* paying particular attention to The Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London 2012 Olympics. We have assisted Kate Flavell, President, with the Five Rings Triples 20x12 project. We have also promoted ringing generally throughout the year with a number of



At St Magnus the Martyr (l-r): Benjamin Daniel (Journalist), Dickon Love (Tower Captain of St Magnus the Martyr) and ZDF Cameraman (Photo by Helen Udall)



The 2012 London Olympics logo

short radio broadcasts by both Barrie Dove on *The Chris Evans Breakfast Show* and John Harrison on Radio Oxford. Mike Orme continues to assist with the producers of the *Bells on Sunday* BBC Radio 4 programme. Committee members this year have also provided assistance to the German TV channel ZDF, Japanese TV Broadcaster NHK and Arts Council England.



Leaflets and Posters

Demand for the *Learn to Ring!* publicity leaflets continues with 17,000 supplied during 2011. Both the recruitment poster and leaflets are available to download as PDF files from the CCCBR website.

Noise Complaints

This year has been quiet, three contacts having been made. We responded to them all.

Learn to Ring!

This year we received a total of 46 enquiries and in each case the enquiry has been referred to a suitable local contact. A handful of these have come from mainland Europe.

Road Show 2014

After conducting a comprehensive review from a web-based survey and paper questionnaires early last year the strengths and weaknesses of past road shows were considered and, as a result, it was decided the next Road Show would be in 2014, probably at the Newbury racecourse.

Bells on Sunday

The Committee has maintained close contact with the producers of this programme with a view to maintaining the quality and variety of recordings the programme airs. New recordings are continually being sought.

BARRIE DOVE (*Chairman*)
HELEN UDAL (*Secretary*)
BRUCE BUTLER
ALAN CHANTLER



The publicity and recruiting poster

WILLIAM DOWSE
BEVERLY FABER
JAMES FORSTER
JOHN HARRISON
NICK JONES (*co-opted*)
RUPERT LITTLEWOOD
MICHAEL ORME
JANE WILKINSON

International reports

ANZAB

The start of 2011 saw both New Zealand and Australia devastatingly affected by natural disasters with tragic loss of life. The comprehensive damage to Christchurch's Cathedral, a vital symbol of the city and the community, was very hard to absorb.

Thanks to the strenuous efforts of various ringers in New Zealand and Australia a very successful and busy long weekend was spent in Sydney in November by a large group of Christchurch ringers. There were multiple ringing, quarter peal and socialising opportunities and everything went seamlessly. It was good to renew old friendships and establish new ones.

It was timely that the annual ANZAB Festival was held on the North Island of New Zealand in Hamilton and Auckland and, as always, it was a pleasure to catch up with ringing friends and for the Australians to get to know more of the New Zealand ringers.

Early in the year we welcomed three UK peal and quarter peal groups on successful tours – the College Youths, Cumberlands and Gerry Skelly's Bristol group.

In mid-year the North Eastern Branch of ANZAB introduced a Six Bell Country Striking Competition, known as the Kookaburra Cup, with the aim of improving striking – this proved to be a great success. Comprehensive information including CDs of ringing was provided to potential participants and was very helpful. Each of the eleven teams recorded their entry in their own tower which was then sent electronically to the adjudicators.

As a start to our 50th Anniversary year multiple quarter peals were rung in June replicating the first four quarters rung at Parramatta in Sydney in June 1961.

ANZAB was delighted to be invited to be the featured Association in the 2012 Ringing World Calendar which was finished and printed ahead of time and was very well received by ringers and non-ringers alike.

We look forward to meeting friends from around the world on the occasion of our 50th Anniversary Festival in Sydney in June.

JULIE DOYLE
President ANZAB

Central European Association

After a quiet year in 2011, the Central European Association sprang back into action in January 2012, with a lively quarter peal weekend on 20-22, hosted by Brian and Geraldine Diserens in Brandau, followed by two peals of 13 Spiced Surprise Major on 28-29 January at Dordrecht. These were conducted by Alban Foster and Mike Trimm and all ringers were resident. A handbell

weekend is planned in Dietenheim, Germany, from 24-25 March.

If anyone is visiting Germany, Switzerland, the Netherlands or Belgium, or knows of any ringer in the area, they are invited to contact me at rodney.yeates@ukmedicalwriting.de.

RODNEY YEATES

North American Guild of Change Ringers

2011 was a year of news for North American ringers. We ended 2010 with major media coverage of change ringing. First, a dazzling *Washington Post* article ran on the Whitechapel Guild of the National Cathedral School. Victoria, BC, Christ Church Cathedral ringing was highlighted by the local BBC, and on Christmas Eve "eve", NPR affiliate NLRN ran a beautiful piece on the bells at Miami's Trinity Cathedral.

In 2011, electronic and print media coverage was brisk as well. Amid all the flurry of preparations for the marriage of Prince William and the captivating Kate, NBC broadcast "Inside the Royal Wedding," a program produced by a London film company on Westminster Abbey.

"Heavenly Bells," the *Tribeca Citizen* proclaimed in Kristl Hall's excellent article and photos of ringing at Trinity Wall Street, while *Arkansas Life* showcased the bells and ringers at Trinity Cathedral Little Rock. The *Marietta Daily Journal* extolled "James Williams dances with the bells at St James"; the *Reporter News* in Abilene noted, "Bells were ringing at Heavenly Rest", while in Charleston, the local ABC affiliate highlighted visiting English tutors and ringing at St Michael's Church in honor of Carolina Day.

Making ringing news more accessible, a mobile optimized version of the NAG website was launched. The Trumplers rang a peal on handbells in India; Shreveport held their first ringing festival and in Abilene, bells were rung again for the first time in years, with help from North American ringers. In Dallas the formidable tower stairs became a thing of the past amid great celebration, and in July Victoria, BC, ringers celebrated the 75th anniversary of the hanging and first ringing of their bells, inviting all of North America to attend and ring with them.

There was sad news, too. February 22 brought us the heart-wrenching news of the earthquake in Christchurch NZ and destruction of the Christchurch Cathedral bell tower. In July we learned of the death of Paul Engsborg, the visionary who brought bells to the Sewanee Breslin Tower at University of the South. Then in August, an earthquake toppled pinnacles and angels from the main tower housing the beautiful bells of the National Cathedral. Soon after, the Sewanee bells were silenced when tower stones were observed wobbling during the course of a peal. But there was good news to follow. The Breslin bells are ringing again, and Tower Captain Gail Watson has been training several new ringers, intent on revitalizing the legacy of Paul Engsborg. In Washington, the Cathedral bells began ringing again on November 12 to mark the consecration of the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Washington. Members of the Cathedral close community told ringers they saw the sound of the bells as



The Teaching the Teachers Course held in Georgia in February 2011 – left to right: Tony Furnival (Trinity NYC), Dawn Uebelhart (St Paul, Houston), Douglas Kitson (Holy Trinity, Quebec), Robert Torre (learner), Don Johnes (St James, Hendersonville), Eileen Butler (PGCR, Philadelphia), Bruce Butler (NAGCR Education Officer), Quilla Roth (WRS, Washington, DC), Ray Gotko (Breslin Tower, Sewanee), David Weeks (learner); Douglas McCoy (Grace, Charleston), Peter Dale (CCCCR Education Committee)

“an outward expression that all was well” despite the extensive repair and reconstruction work still to be done.

But there is more good news and new opportunities for North American ringers: Change ringing bells are ringing again at the University of Chicago. Tom Farthing began teaching new ringers in July. Joined by two ringers from Northwestern University, the new Chicago ringers were welcomed enthusiastically at the Kalamazoo ringing weekend in October. As you might expect, Tom’s young learners are coming along just fine.

Yale revealed hopes for a new 190 foot tower with twelve change ringing bells in their residential-colleges project. At Trinity Wall Street, ringers from Washington, Boston and New York have been working on twelve bell peals rung predominately by resident North American ringers. On November 11, 2011, they rang 11,111 Stedman Cinques, composed by R. C. Kippin, the longest Cinques ever rung in North America. Shreveport and Dallas celebrated their first peals, and towers from one end of the continent to the other are still benefitting from the lessons learned at “Teaching the Teacher” presented by a team of Central Council trainers in February.

Change ringing is alive and well in North America. The message is good, and clear as a bell.

CANDACE HIGGINBOTHAM
NAGCR Public Relations Officer

South African Guild

The AGM of the South African Guild was held in Cape Town over the weekend of October 1st. Apart from the usual activities, including quarter-peal attempts, a striking

contest and a formal dinner, the meeting was notable for the election of a new President, Richard Roberts from Parktown, Johannesburg, replacing Ed Elderkin from Cape Town who wished to retire from the post. Richard is also Ringing Master of the Transvaal Society, and it is hoped that the two societies will move towards a formal merger in due course.

The bells in Durban have been silent for much of the year, St Paul’s due to tower repairs and St Mary’s having experienced an unfortunate headstock failure. Following discussion at the AGM, Chris Fitter from Fourways Gardens has made a dye penetration inspection of the other headstocks and ringing has resumed on the back eight at St Mary’s, pending rehanging of the front two bells on new headstocks.

Ringers converged on the chapel at St Peter’s Preparatory School on December 16th for a trial ring on Johannesburg’s latest peal of bells. Comprising six bells, tenor 2½cwt in F#, the frame, fittings and ropes were designed and made by Matthew Higby, who also cast three of the bells and tuned the other three, one of which was donated by the Keltek Trust. After all present had enjoyed a turn or two at ringing, the company adjourned outside for a celebratory glass of something suitably fizzy. The installation still needs some minor adjustment but all agreed that they sound and “go” well, a worthy addition to the school. It is the school’s intention that they will be rung daily by a band drawn from the senior grades; there will be no general ringing outside of school hours. The bells will be dedicated at a service on February 23rd; in the interim, several brief video clips of the trial ringing have been loaded on “YouTube”.

The project to install a light ring of six at Queenstown, Eastern Cape, is progressing and it is hoped that they will be cast and hung during 2012.

RICHARD ROBERTS
President, South African Guild
Ringing Master, Transvaal Society

Zimbabwe Guild of Bellringers

Unfortunately there is still no ringing in Harare as the Cathedral remains out of bounds. Regular ringing in Kwekwe is limited as a number of the young ringers have left to further their education elsewhere.

Harare ringers travelled to Kwekwe once last year for the AGM and to have an opportunity to ring. There was a good turnout of available ringers from both Harare and Kwekwe for this day. Harare ringers were impressed by the Kwekwe ringers commitment to good striking. Harare ringers were, needless to say, a bit rusty but soon got back into it! Our new office bearers are Master – Stanley Dube, Secretary – Nyasha Gumunyu, Librarian – Teddy Kabwemba and Tendai Dzuda remains as Treasurer.

ANNE M. PHILLIPS

Publications Committee

Only one new publication, *Stedman Compositions*, was produced during the year.

Nine titles were reprinted: *The New Ringer’s Book*, *Ringing Jargon Made Easy*, *Ringing Circles*, *Beginner’s Guide to Change Ringing on Handbells*, *Will You Call a Touch Please Bob*, *Teaching Unravelling*, *Teaching Tips*, *Schedule of Regular Maintenance*, *Splicing Bell Ropes* and the *Teaching DVD*. *The New Ringer’s Book*, *Ringing Circles*, *Teaching Unravelling* and *Teaching Tips* continued to sell particularly well.

Three Committee meetings were held during the year, and the usual large number of telephone and e-mail conversations took place. The Committee continued to work closely with Tim Jackson, representing the Stewards of the Dove Database, on the “Dove 10” project. The project was sufficiently far advanced by mid-year for us to invite competitive quotations against an indicative specification. The Central Council Trustees approved appointment of our recommended contractor, Philip Green Printing Services, and the expected level of expenditure in October. Since then we have worked with Tim Jackson and the contractor in order to decide many points of production detail. At year end it was expected that all production details would be finalised and that a final draft would be available early in 2012.

The income from sales fell to £13,900 from £17,500, largely due to lack of a major new publication. Expenditure exceeded income by £2,300 following an expensive reprint near the end of the year and the write-down of slow selling stock. The value of stock held was steady at £12,300. The total cash available fell to £12,300 from £14,000. The fund will be adequate to support production of “Dove 10”. Bulk discounts were offered in March as usual, and advertisements were again placed in a number of Association reports.

Stocklist at December 31st 2011

<i>Title</i>	<i>Sales to 31 Dec 2011</i>	<i>Stock at 31 Dec 2011</i>
New Ringers Book	649	913
Beginners Handbook	150	407
Towards Better Striking	65	9
Raising and Lowering	90	129
Ringing Jargon Made Easy	77	80
Beginners Grandsire	130	162
Beginners Plain Bob	167	230
Doubles and Minor for Beginners	66	133
Triples and Major for Beginners	44	78
Ringing Circles	519	428
Ringing Skills	29	5
Ringing Basics for Beginners	57	241
The Learning Curve Vol 1	31	79
The Learning Curve Vol 2	29	205
The Learning Curve Vol 3	28	190
The Learning Curve Vol 4	32	226
Listen to Ringing CD 1/CD2	28/24	11/39
Beginners Guide to Change Ringing on Handbells	68	244
Change Ringing on Handbells	28	163
The Tower Handbook	23	26
Learning Methods	53	35
Standard Eight Surprise Major	62	39
Method Splicing	11	37
Understanding Place Notation	23	51
Will You Call a Touch Please, Bob?	67	267
Service Touches	47	30
Conducting Stedman	19	5
A Tutors Handbook	16	181
Tower Captains Handbook	19	32
One Way to Teach Handling	20	65
Teaching Beyond Bell Handling	17	186
Teaching from Rounds to Bob Doubles	21	93
Simulators and Teaching	9	18
Kaleidoscope Ringing	55	237
Teaching Unravelling	227	221
Starting a New Band	13	67
Teaching Tips	282	282
Towers and Bells Handbook	14	165
The Bell Adviser	8	154
Schedule of Regular Maintenance	108	228
D-I-Y Guidelines	10	151
Organising a Bell Restoration Project	115	189
Sound Management	15	89
Splicing Bellropes	57	268
Change Ringing History Vol 1/Vol3	21/10	178/188
Centenary History of the Central Council	5	80
Giants of the Exercise Vol1/Vol2	13/18	169/50
A J Pitman Biography	15	132
Dove's Guide	52	760
Belfry Offices	5	62
Organising an Outing	13	43
Belfry Warning Notices	7	36
Church Towers and Bells	4	39
CC Rules and Decisions 2010	6	54
Getting it Right	5	127
Collection of Minor Methods	4	202
Plain Minor Methods	10	101
Treble Dodging Minor Methods	16	113
Collection of Principles	4	50
Rung Surprise etc to end 2007	5	16
Spliced Minor Collection	7	14
Stedman Compositions	75	36
Grandsire Compositions	3	0
10 Bell Compositions	14	56
12+ Bell Compositions	11	84
Collection of Universal Compositions (for T D Major Methods)	6	22
Videos/DVDs	0/32	3/19

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

JOHN COUPERTHWAIT (Chairman)
MIKE HANSFORD
JULIAN NEWMAN
BERYL NORRIS
BARBARA WHEELER
JAN WYATT

Committee for Redundant Bells

The Committee met formally twice in the year and informally by way of email exchanges. It has continued to make steady progress in developing stronger ties with the institutions of the Church of England which have dealings with bells, particularly the Church Buildings Council (ex Council for the Care of Churches) and the Church Commissioners.

When the Committee was formed bells in a church to be declared redundant were very definitely at risk of being sold for scrap or otherwise being dealt with in an unsatisfactory way. Although the conservation movement has been effective in ensuring that bells in churches now being declared redundant are not likely to be broken up, the Committee expresses ringers' concerns at unsatisfactory forms of conservation.

Less than 9% of churches declared redundant go to other denominations for continuing use as a place of worship where bells might continue to be rung. Virtually all others are disposed of for secular use and yet it is present policy for bells to remain in situ and especially so in the case of Listed Buildings. The very real risk therefore is that increasing numbers of bells are effectively walled up for an indefinite period. Even if they are available to be rung it is not for the purpose of calling people to worship and the bells become secular rings.

In the past many churches with bells passed to the Churches Conservation Trust. This is now less likely to happen as recently only one or two churches per year have passed into the care of the Trust.

The Committee is therefore lobbying the central institutions to encourage the transfer of bells prior to the church becoming redundant and before they are subject to Listed Building consent - comparable with the transfer of bells as has happened frequently between churches continuing in use. Hanley and Oxford St. Cross are recent examples where permission to transfer has been refused after the tower has passed into secular hands. The Committee has been invited to present submissions to English Heritage and the Church Buildings Council, and the Church Commissioners have been supportive and sympathetic to the Committee's views.

The Committee has also been keen to strengthen links with the Churches Conservation Trust with a view to providing support to the Trust in the care of its 107 churches with bells. In this we have been very fortunate in securing the assistance of Neil Skelton, now retired as a Field Officer with the CCT. Initial discussions have taken place with the London head office and with regional managers. It is very much hoped that these

contacts can be developed to facilitate a greater awareness of the Central Council and the resources it can offer to the CCT.

David Kelly, of the Keltek Trust, has attended meetings of the Committee and this has been a huge help in developing an effective and close working relationship between us and the Trust. Some dozen cases are being monitored where churches are closed or anticipated to be closed and where no decision has yet been made as to the future of the bells.

The Committee sees an expanding role for the Central Council through this Committee to work with the central institutions of the Church of England and to develop and continue a close working relationship with the Keltek Trust, so taking all practical steps to conserve for ringing bells in churches that may become redundant.

ROBERT COOLES (*Chairman*)
 Revd Dr JOHN BALDWIN
 ALAN FROST
 ROBERT LEWIS
 JULIAN NEWMAN
 HELEN WEBB

Ringling Centres Committee

We welcomed Philip Bailey and Michael Clements to the Committee at the Central Council meeting in Hereford. Both had indicated a keenness to become involved in the running of the committee and to develop its work.

We have had three telephone conferences during the year and one brief meeting at Hereford (before the Council meeting and the election of Philip and Michael) but have yet to be able to have a meeting when all members were able to take part. Illness, changing jobs and previous and overseas commitments have all affected even the best planned meeting.

Two conferences have taken place during the year, one at Kington and the other at Eckington. Both were considered to be useful and worthwhile, even if relatively small. Presentations were made as to the establishment of some Centres and how they now operate (as possible models for future Centres) and further details were given relating to developing ITTS. The opportunity was taken to suggest an idea of assessing Centres and the implementation of ITTS tutors to each Centre.

Our main consideration during the year has been the way we propose to implement any basis of assessment of Ringling Centres to give a fair and current indication of their use and effectiveness without restricting them in their work or making their work difficult with unreasonable requests for returns of information, bookkeeping and inspections. The Committee has agreed its initial proposals which are to be circulated to Centres for comment in early 2012 before we progress this matter further. We aim to add further detail to our proposals after taking any comments or suggestions from Centres into account, with a view to preparing a scheme which is acceptable to existing Ringling Centres. The aim of the Committee is to ensure that underperforming or new Centres are recognised in some way but also given help and encouragement, that those which are successful are shown to be such, and that there

is information available indicating the level and scope of tuition of each Centre for public circulation.

The Committee sees this as a necessary part of being able to improve the standard of Centres where they are seen to be less successful than others and to be able to give some assurances as to the quality and level of tuition at each Centre.

During the year the Committee has published two editions of a Newsletter (with another early in 2012) in an attempt to enable Centres to learn of each other's activities, to keep Centres involved in the on-going work of the Committee, and to share common problems. Another edition is anticipated by the Council Meeting in Chester. The Newsletter seems to be useful and of interest to Centre managers. We would welcome further reports, photographs and other contributions to future editions.

The Committee's database of Ringling Centres has again been revised and updated. Although we request amendments to be forwarded to us, we are intending to actively request confirmation of the data every six months in an attempt to ensure that it is correct. The details of Centres on the Council's website can then be maintained correctly. It would be of great help if we are contacted when a Centre no longer operates or there is a change of personnel or addresses so that the database may be amended immediately.

The Committee considers that Ringling Centres established and financed by guilds and associations will be an increasingly essential component of training new recruits. It has previously recommended that guilds and societies establish a greater number of Centres than at present and would wish to repeat this, but, being aware that recommendations are to come out of the Wellesbourne conference, may seek to review this further. Of those Centres which are in the process of possible establishment, the main request of ourselves (besides the standard needed for accreditation) has been as to the availability of grants or other finance. We give such advice as we can on this but have no monies ourselves to offer. The committee is actively reviewing its guidance for the establishment of Centres. This will comprise a series of case studies about the activities of existing Ringling Centres and examples of good practice in training ringers, to help encourage guilds and associations and other local groups. The aim is to publish this document in autumn 2012.

NORMAN MATTINGLEY (*Chairman*)
 PHILIP BAILEY
 ALAN BENTLEY
 ROGER BOOTH
 LESLIE BOYCE
 MICHAEL CLEMENTS
 PETER DALE
 PIP PENNEY

Ringling Trends Committee

The year started with a new Chairman so our thanks go to Beryl Norris who stood down at the Council Meeting in 2011, having been Chairman of the Committee since its formation. The new Committee is widely spread

geographically (while four of us are relatively conveniently placed in approximately the middle of England, three are in New York, Dundee, Germany / Aberdeen!) Our "meetings" and work have therefore used electronic means, although three England residents did manage to meet face to face after the event at Wellesbourne in November.

The first and significant activity this year was the Wellesbourne conference "Change Ringing for the Future" at which the new Chairman was asked to open the proceedings by talking about the Committee's analysis of the apparent trends in the recruitment and retention of ringers. We included a few comparisons with other organisations which have faced similar challenges and started to overcome them. With no precedent, this was an important position to fill at the Conference, setting the tone for the day and potentially the future of ringing! What a privilege and what a responsibility for the Committee! Fuller accounts of this meeting are reported elsewhere.

As a result of the conference and after a little thought, one of the Committee tried to reverse the trend by placing the advert (*p.484*) in his local free paper; this came out in early February 2012. Perhaps this can start a trend!

Ringling structures as "gym" in New York

In the USA, Tony Furnivall has launched a specific new initiative in New York, at Trinity's 12-bell tower. One of the local schools has no gym facilities, and the students all need a "gym credit" in order to graduate. One of the bishops of New York asked if ringing bells might qualify. In the fall of 2011, a group of 15 students came for orientation sessions in the Trinity tower. Ten have continued and are now ringing both strokes together. Of special interest is that this is a group training environment, with most of the 10 students in attendance at most of the classes, and specific goals to be reached in defined timescales. This is rather different from traditional 1:1 teaching of ringing. However, if ringing is to reverse current trends by teaching larger numbers of new ringers efficiently, this may have important pedagogical implications.

Young ringers

The concern about younger ringers led to the Committee undertaking a pilot survey of towers in the Oxford Guild which have been successful in recruiting and retaining young ringers. This has been completed over the last 2 years and is to be reported in *The Ringling World*. The Committee has decided not to widen the scope of this survey, but will provide a copy of the questionnaire to any guilds or associations who would like to use it in their area.

The fairly limited range of options given by respondents for recruiting and teaching youngsters would lead one to believe that these methods which have been tried and tested over many years still dominate. Perhaps the use of simulators is the only relatively modern addition to the teaching programmes. It must be remembered that the questionnaires were sent only to towers which had had success with retention of youngsters so the proportion retained of approximately one third on average is perhaps the best that can be expected.

A GOLDEN NO-COST OFFER

An Invitation from the Moreton Bellringers to learn a new skill.

During the summer of 2012 we are expecting great things from our GB athletes. Many great national events are celebrated with the ringing of church bells and gold medals for our athletes will be no exception.

So ... There is time for us to teach you this uniquely English craft before the Summer and you can join us in the celebrations.

You'll be a part of a band that learns together, rings together, socialises together and supports Sunday service and wedding ringing throughout the year. You'll gain a new skill that will afford you a warm welcome from the 40,000 ringers across the country in a huge variety of historic churches. You'll find that the training will exercise your co-ordination, stretch your brain and show you the value of teamwork. A bit like our athletes really ... We'll even assign you a personal trainer, set you in the blocks and fire the starting gun.

Do come and join us – we practice most Wednesday nights in Moreton. We have contacts across the area so if Moreton's difficult, we can start you off by contacting a closer tower. Please call **Keith Murphy 01608 652466** for more detail on this golden no cost offer ...

Publicity poster for North Moreton, Oxfordshire

The wide range of reasons given by the tower captains for their success would indicate that a lot of thought and effort had been put into making the learning process enjoyable and interesting. It is pleasing to note that the association with the church is still a very important criterion.

University ringing

During the last few years, the first analysis of the membership of university societies has been completed. Figure 1 (*opposite top*) shows the striking dominance of ringing students in science/engineering disciplines! This reinforces the results from the Committee's previous national surveys of all ringers, but far more markedly. A *Ringling World* article will summarise findings so far and act as recruitment focus for the next stage.

The university society work is now moving into a new stage. They will be contacted again

to get some longitudinal data and capture new data from other societies. Qualitative data collection will be explored. University societies are full of young ringers who are still ringing, therefore they may provide interesting insights into good practice for recruitment and retention. This qualitative questionnaire could also be used with other groups of ringers.

The simple short message is "If you want to attract ringers, look specifically in the science and engineering faculties, the engineering / technology companies, the science / engineering institutions of the nation!"

Views from the bishops

Almost 50 emails were sent to Cathedral bishops across England, Wales and Scotland asking for their views about bell ringing and ringers. This was not a statistical survey, but a short set of questions and observations, to which they were free to comment. Over a

dozen replied, most specifically expressing appreciation for the contact through this enquiry, thanking ringers for our support, and wishing ringing a good future. However, there were observations about "tensions" between some ringers and church communities, and concerns about ringers not participating in services. Many respondents were willing to help ringing but several specifically noted that they were not made aware what was required, and none had a specific means of communication with ringers, most only meeting by chance. There are some important messages here.

In conclusion, while some of our activities this year may strictly have diverged from "trends", it is very evident to the Trends Committee that it is not only counting and observing the trends in the numbers of ringers but recording and analysing some of the factors that are influencing the trends that should concern us. Only by researching the underlying factors will we really be able to know what is and is not affecting the trends.

For the next year, we are hoping to increase the committee membership to reflect the increasing importance of the work and the need for specific skills in data collection and analysis. We hope that additional expertise will expand our scope and activity.

ALISON HODGE (*Chairman*)
STEPHEN ELWELL-SUTTON
ASHLEY FORTEY
TONY FURNIVALL
KEITH MURPHY
TIM PETT

Towers and Belfries Committee

Three meetings were held during 2011 at Evesham, Cornhill, London, and Christ Church, Oxford. At the 2011 Central Council meeting, Jim Taylor, William Jones, Mike Banks and David Kirkcaldy retired. Mike Banks and David Kirkcaldy were re-elected and we were joined by new member Tim Collins. In order to simplify the election process, we are now a committee of twelve. This means that we have a very wide spread of members from across the southern half of the country but have no members from north of Nottinghamshire. In future elections, we would welcome any interest from people in the northern half of the country.

Following last year's report when we declared our intention to consult with other interested parties over our tower movement study methodology, we have now managed to set up a meeting for April 2012. As soon as we have decided upon a strategy for future studies, we shall make an announcement to the Exercise. We are aware of at least one important tower that is contemplating a major re-hang, and would like to be able to provide this service as soon as possible.

In September, the Committee presented a seminar on Tower Inspection and Reporting at the Harry Windsor Ringing Centre, Kineton. Our thanks go to Graham Nabb for making the local arrangements, and to members Adrian Semken for presenting the Seminar and Alan Frost and George Dawson for assisting. It was

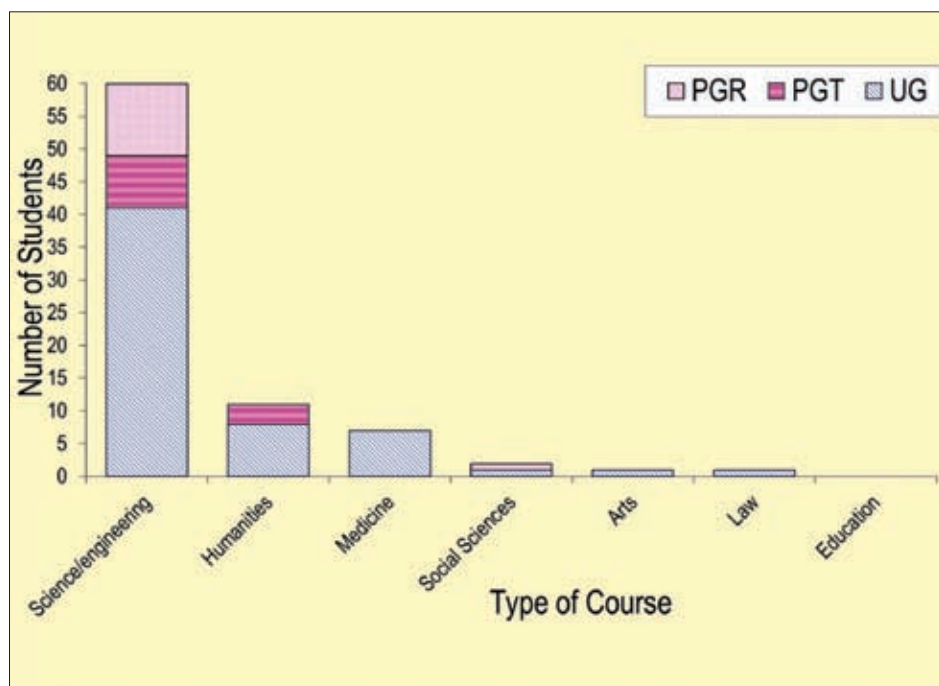


Fig.1: UG = Undergraduate; PGT = Post-graduate taught course;
PGR = post graduate research student

declared a success by those attending and as the Committee is aware that some who wished to attend were unable to do so because of transport difficulties, it was decided to run it again in 2012 in a more northerly location.

Nine tower inspections were carried out by members during the year, and reports presented to the parishes. In addition to this, a number of minor enquiries from ringers were dealt with by 'phone or email.

Following the question on the rope supply situation at the last Council meeting, the Committee discussed that matter at its following meeting. By the time that this report is presented, a short piece in response to the question should have been published in *The Ringing World*.

The long awaited new updated *Maintenance Handbook* is unfortunately still not ready for publication but we are trying very hard to produce it as soon as possible.

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ROLAND BACKHURST
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CHRIS POVEY
ANDREW PRESTON
ADRIAN SEMKEN
BERNARD STONE

Tower Stewardship Committee

Introduction

Throughout the past year, the Tower Stewardship Committee has continued to offer lay guidance in the general areas of tower management within the wider community. This report gives brief details of activities undertaken over the past twelve months. The Committee

meets at least once per year, and conducts the majority of its business by electronic communications.

Guidance Notes

A key outcome of the Committee's remit has been the production of a set of Guidance Notes. During 2010, a new Guidance Note was added to the collection: "GN7 – Noise and the Environmental Health Officer". This offers practical and common-sense advice regarding noise complaints, abatement notices and working constructively with local authorities.

All Guidance Notes are reviewed annually. September 2011 updates – revision 5 – are available via the Central Council website, as follows:

<http://www.cccbr.org.uk/towerstewardship/>

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

Child Protection

- Over recent years, the Tower Stewardship Committee has been particularly active in offering guidance to the ringing community with regard to child protection legislation. As the government launches the new Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), the committee will continue to offer timely and comprehensive advice to ringers and PCCs.

- We are grateful to Chris Mew for his efforts in this area – communicating with a large number of stakeholders, and succinctly synthesizing the complexities of Child Protection for the ringing community. All relevant advice to ringers is available on the Tower Stewardship section of the

CCCB website, supported by frequent updates published in *The Ringing World*.

Website

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

Other work

- The Committee has offered advice to a number of towers on such subjects as child protection, noise abatement regulations, insurance, wireless masts, belfry finances, dealing with complaints and how to complete risk assessments.
- Among a number of unusual requests over the year, the Committee has been asked to provide guidance regarding Diamond Jubilee tower beacons, with regard to health & safety considerations. This advice is now available on the CCCBR website.
- The Committee maintains communication links with other Committees – in particular the Public Relations and Towers & Belfries committees.
- The Committee also maintains regular communication links with other relevant bodies, such as the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, the House of Bishops and the Home Office.

Conclusion

The Committee is well served by the wide range of skills, qualifications and experience brought by members. Looking forward, it would be useful to attract a committee member with legal qualifications and experience, as a number of enquiries we receive can have legal ramifications. As well as being pro-active in offering assistance, the Tower Stewardship Committee is also very open to suggestions and recommendations from all areas of the Central Council regarding our remit, our communication methods and any other component of our work.

CHRISTOPHER O'MAHONY (*Chairman*)
DAVID BURGESS
CHRIS MEW
ERNIE DE LEGH-RUNCIMAN
DAVID SALTER
JAMES SMITH

Bell Restoration Committee

The Committee met three times in 2011: as an online meeting in February, in Hereford in May during the Council weekend, and in London in October.

Membership

There have been several changes to the membership and composition of the Committee during the year. Pat Albon (formerly a co-opted member), Peter Kirby and Bill Nash were elected to the committee in May and Robin Shipp and Peter Wilkinson were re-elected at the same time.

John Barnes, Frank Beech and Ken Davenport will stand down at the 2012 Council but will make themselves available for re-election. Jackie Roberts stood down as a Committee member on ceasing to be an ex-officio member of Council but continued as a consultant. The Committee would like to thank Jackie very much for her work on the Committee over many years, particularly as a Managing Trustee of the Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund and for operating our FunderFinder service for over ten years.

Provision of Information and Advice

We continue to maintain contact with parishes and individuals across the United Kingdom, and occasionally from overseas. Mostly, these are requests for general fundraising advice but we are also pleased to receive news of ongoing projects. We had more than 79 contacts during 2011 and these included 29 new contacts. In addition to contact by telephone, email and letter, Committee members also make face to face contact with parish project leaders where such contact is thought to be useful. Two such contacts were made last year and were much appreciated by the parishes concerned. We provided a service for searches using the FunderFinder grant-finding database for most of the year but, as FunderFinder ceased to be updated in June, it is now obsolete as it becomes more out of date. It is pleasing to note that this continued to assist a good number of parishes until after the service ceased. During 2011 we received 32 enquiries (33 in 2010) and completed 16 searches (11 in 2010). We are currently exploring the possibility of subscribing to an alternative but similar service as well as other means of continuing to offer what has been a very useful service to parishes.

Information useful to parishes and/or ringing societies continues to be notified widely through the pages of *The Ringing World*. During the year an article addressing the access aspects of bell restoration projects was published. We anticipate announcements from the Heritage Lottery Fund regarding changes to their policy for awarding grants and from the Charity Commission regarding a review of the 2006 Charities Act in the near future and we will ensure that relevant information is communicated widely via *The Ringing World* and the website.

We have completed work on preparing a Glossary of terms which may be used in a bell installation/restoration context, primarily aimed at parishes which may not have any trained bellringers, and this has now been included in the Appendices to “*Organising a Bell Restoration Project*” together with another new Appendix giving Advice on Access – an increasingly important aspect for projects applying for grants. All of the Appendices are published on the website and regularly reviewed and updated as necessary.

Administration of Funds

In 2010 we awarded grants from the Central Council Bell Restoration Fund to 28 projects worth a total of £27,000. Ten of these grants were paid during 2011 making a total of 15 grants paid since the awards were made. These account for £12,000 of the grants awarded. 13



The Truro jigsaw
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of the projects, awarded grants totalling £15,000, are at various stages of completion, including several awaiting just a final inspection of the work. As these projects are all being actively progressed, the situation changes frequently and we anticipate that most of the projects still in progress will be completed during 2012.

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

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

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

A new jigsaw was produced in time for the Council meeting at Hereford and this was offered for sale at the meeting, proving to be very popular. The jigsaw series has provided valuable income for the Bell Restoration Fund for over ten years. So far there have been ten jigsaws in the series and these have proved so popular that sales have enabled over £10,000 to be donated to the Fund for which we are most grateful.

In accordance with the terms of the Fund, the Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund offered the following grants: Queenstown, South Africa: £200 and Maryborough, Queensland, Australia: £2,000. No grants were paid during the year. Further applications for grants to be awarded in 2012 were invited in November.

Future Work

Work continues to make available in a downloadable form on the website the considerable amount of material in paper form that the Committee has acquired. This will support the information in the booklet “*Organising a Bell Restoration Project*.”

The Committee has arranged a stall for the sale of *Oranges and Lemons* prints and jigsaws at the Council meeting in June and members will also be available to answer queries and provide advice.

It is anticipated that a new jigsaw will be prepared during 2012 through the kind efforts of Stella Bianco, to whom we are most grateful, and the Committee will support Stella in this project.

For several years the Committee has kept an index of towers that have had contact with us. As part of our continuing desire to monitor the effectiveness of our work we will be preparing a map showing the location of each tower on the index. This will, in conjunction with the map we already have showing the location of towers that have received grants, assist us in ensuring that information about our work is reaching all areas.

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

ROBIN SHIPP (*Chairman*)

PAT ALBON

JOHN BARNES

FRANK BEECH

JAY BUNYAN

KEN DAVENPORT

KATE FLAVELL (*to May 2011*)

PETER KIRBY

BILL NASH

IAN ORAM

JACKIE ROBERTS (*to December 2011*)

PETER WILKINSON (*Secretary*)

Criteria for allocating CCBRF grants and loans

- 1.0 Applications will be considered for the following:
 - 1.1 Restoration or augmentation work to existing bell installations, or the provision of new bell installations, in any country in the World where the bells are, or are to be, hung for full circle ringing.
 - 1.2 Costs of structural and other ancillary work integral to the bell installation will be considered when these are in addition to work on the bell installation.
 - 1.3 Loans or guarantees (when funds allow) to the bell restoration funds (BRFs) of societies affiliated to the Central Council, where the trustees may wish to make offers or promises of future grants in excess of the money currently available in their funds.
- 2.0 Offers of grants, loans or guarantees will normally be made from the Fund only if:
 - 2.1 Support and approval for the project are to be given by the local ringing society, and

- 2.2 Support and approval for the project are given by the PCC or other appropriate authority, and
- 2.3 There is in place an existing band of ringers or the project plans include a firm commitment to recruit and train a band, and
- 2.4 Consideration has been given to the need to include any form of sound control within the project specification.

Priorities

- 3.0 Priority will normally be given to applications as follows:
- 3.1 High priority will be given where there is an existing band of ringers and the bells are in imminent danger of becoming unringable.
- 3.2 For augmentations priority will be given to projects to restore or provide a ring of 5 or 6 bells.
- 3.3 Projects with a total cost of less than £5,000 will have low priority.

Administration and Operation

- 4.0 The Bell Restoration Committee (BRC) will be responsible for administering the Fund. It will normally operate as follows:
- 4.1 Grants, loans and guarantees will be allocated after advertising in *The Ringing World*, and elsewhere if appropriate, for applications to be made. Offers will be made and will remain open for two years and then lapse. No payment of a grant will be made until the work has been carried out satisfactorily and the bill presented. The intention is for money in the fund to be used rather than accumulated, but no offers of grants, loans or guarantees will be made if no suitable applications are received.
- 4.2 As far as possible a balance will be struck so that grants, loans and guarantees are spread geographically and socially, and in proportion to the types of applications received, spread of centres of ringing and any other relevant factors. Also a balance will be struck among grants, loans and guarantees in approximate proportion to the requests received, but with each batch of applications assessed on their own merits.
- 4.3 Loans or guarantees will be subject to written agreements, with repayments unlikely to be over a greater period than two years, although shorter periods will be encouraged. The BRC's ability to repay will be assessed before any loans or guarantees are offered. It is not intended that interest will be charged.
- 4.4 The BRC may consult as necessary before offering any grant, loan or guarantee, including inviting comment from other parties, such as the local society affiliated to the Central Council.
- 4.5 Appeals against decisions of the Bell Restoration Committee will be determined by the Trustees of the Central Council. Such appeals must be made in writing to the Secretary of the Central Council within 3 months of the initial decision being made and the Trustees will then consider the application afresh.

Biographies Committee

The committee met once during the year. The meeting took place in Northamptonshire and the new committee members were welcomed and took the opportunity to get to know the other members. It is pleasing to have four new Council members on the Committee and they have all shown their worth during the year.

This year has seen a significant amount of progress in some areas, but less in others. Work on facilities to permit biographical material to be submitted online continued throughout the year, with the support of the ICT Committee. This work has progressed more slowly than we had hoped. Our planned facility will be dependent on the other new facilities being implemented on the Council web server, which are themselves the subject of ongoing work.

We have made much progress in clearing the backlog of unwritten biographical records. Now we are no longer restricted to a single page in a prescribed format, we can include quite a lot more material about each person, which makes for more interesting reading and gives a richer description of that person's life and contribution to ringing. Many of the biographical records are now available online and we have been pleased that we have had encouraging feedback from several people about this, including from non-ringers. We have been able to add further material about some ringers as it has come to light and we are grateful to the ICT committee and Stuart Piper in particular for putting this information online for us. We hope to fully clear the backlog during the next year. Some of the past Council members are very difficult to trace, as often there is no record of the person's Christian name and in early days entries in some annual reports contained very little to help pinpoint a particular ringer.

A spreadsheet of names of all past Central Council members has been created: this is very useful for reference purposes.

A disappointing fact is that many of last year's new Council members have declined to supply us with any biographical information, even though suitable forms are available online and can be submitted by email.

The Committee is very grateful to Alan Glover for his help in assisting us to trace information. Also thanks are due to various Association secretaries who have supplied us with material over the year.

The following former Central Council members died in earlier years, but their deaths have not previously been reported:

John William England, East Derbyshire and West Nottinghamshire Association, 1930-1932, attended no meetings, died 1963

Charles Henry Jones, North Wales Association, 1924, attended no meetings, died 1980

Joseph Lord, East Derbyshire and West Nottinghamshire Association, 1927-1930, attended 1 meeting, died 1960

Charles Edward Malim, Waterloo Society, 1891-1893, attended 1 meeting, died 1928

Lancelot Newton, Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, 1891-1893, attended 1 meeting, died 1951

Geoffrey Ashcroft Taylor, Chester Diocesan Guild, 1931, attended 1 meeting, died April 1985

Charles Todd, Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, 1912-1914, attended 1 meeting, died 1964

Former Members of the Council who died in 2011 are as follows:

Brian Miles Barker, Hertford County Association, 1966-1974, attended 8 meetings, died 19th January 2010

Canon Ernest George Orland, Peterborough Diocesan Guild, 1957-60 and 1981-1989, attended 12 meetings, died 28th January 2011

Geoffrey Dodds, Hertford County Association, 1960-1989, attended 30 meetings, died 30th January 2011

Patrick Lawrence James Matthews, Salisbury Diocesan Guild, 1978-1987, attended 9 meetings, died 31st March 2011

Roderick Willgress Pipe, St. Martin's Guild, 1970-1987, attended 17 meetings, died 1st April 2011

Gerald Penney, Hertford County Association, 1974-1981, attended 6 meetings, died on 2nd April 2011

Dennis Beresford, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, 1960-1978, attended 17 meetings, died 30th June 2011

Peter Edgar Baker, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, 1951-1953, attended 1 meeting, died 15th July 2011

Leslie Evans, Hereford Diocesan Guild, 1945-1947, attended no meetings, died 26th August 2011

Francis Albert White (Frank), honorary member, 1964-1976, attended 4 meetings, died 6th September 2011

Noel James Diserens (Jim), Oxford Diocesan Guild, 1966-1978, attended 12 meetings, died 7th September 2011.

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Compositions Committee

The Compositions Committee held a face to face meeting at Hereford in May 2011 to set the agenda for the coming year, and is in contact by email, as well as by regular conference calls. The next face to face meeting is planned for Chester 2012.

The Stedman collection consisting of around 270 Stedman and Erin compositions (Caters and above) was published in time for the Hereford meeting and has sold over 70 (out of 110) copies so far. There was a plan to produce a new book of quarter peals but having discussed this with the Publications Committee, there appears to be little appetite for future publications as peal and quarter peal

compositions are so easily accessed on the Internet. We will certainly reconsider this if there is a significant demand for a specific publication.

The Compositions Committee have submitted quarter peal and peal composition amendments to the 2013 *Ringling World Diary* to modernise the collection and cater for current tastes in composition.

The Compositions Committee should like to encourage all composers to submit their quarters and peals for review and publication in *The Ringling World* and the Council collection. This is to broaden the scope of the collection and to ensure that there are compositions that appeal to everybody.

Ringling World reviews and publications in 2011 included over 75 peal compositions, 2011 date touches and *Ringling World* centenary peal compositions comprised of 5100s from Major through to Maximus. It is our intention to continue to review new compositions throughout 2012, and the Committee is collaborating with the Methods Committee on future publications which will include peals for Diamond Jubilee methods and 5060s.

The Compositions Committee receive regular composition submissions and the on-line collection of over 19,000 quarter peal and peal compositions on the Central Council website continues to be updated on a regular basis.

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

PAUL FLAVELL (*Chairman*)
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PAUL SEAMAN
PHILIP SADDLETON
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Report of the Stewards of the Carter Ringing Machine Collection

During 2011 the Carter machine had one in-house demonstration: to a group of U3A members from the Birmingham area. The machine behaved reasonably well and the group, which included a number of non-ringers, were suitably impressed.

In October, we decided to exhibit the Carter and one of the Cummins machines at the Midlands Model Engineering Exhibition in Warwickshire. The Exhibition ran for five days and for four of these the machine rang Little Bob Royal very well. Prior to the exhibition I had given the machine an overhaul and discovered that two of the bell plates are very worn and this was giving problems. By moving the two plates to one end of the machine it was possible to run reliably on 10 bells, hence the use of Little Bob Royal, rather than Maximus. I am currently attempting to manufacture two replacement bell plates so that we can ring with all twelve reliably.

A further problem became clear on the last day of the exhibition when John Anderson persuaded me to re-program the machine to a different method. This revealed a problem with

the handstroke side of the machine which failed to reset reliably. I am still trying to determine what action to take in order to fix the problem which is caused by the return spring slipping.

In addition to the Carter machine, we also demonstrated the most recent of the Cummins machines. I had examined this machine which seemed to be in the best condition and found it would work but with a few faults. By tracing the circuits boards and extracting the computer program from the memory chip I was able to get a clearer understanding of how it worked, and was able to locate two broken wires. When these were replaced and the correct settings of the switches were made, the machine was found to work as designed. As a result it was able to ring various methods on request at the exhibition.

Both the machines attracted a lot of attention, from ringers and non-ringers alike. We have been asked to return again this October but I have not as yet committed to this.

I have examined another of the Cummins machines, but it seems that this one had suffered a lightning strike. Several chips were missing or damaged and it was not possible to trace the wiring without destroying the machine.

I am hoping to examine the other Cummins machines in due course; hopefully some of them will be capable of being restored.

We would welcome requests for demonstrations at Loughborough. These could be combined with a tour of the museum, of course.

BILL PURVIS
ALAN BERRY

Report of the Steward of the Rolls of Honour

The two Memorial Books are kept in their display case at St Paul's Cathedral; they are in good condition and the pages are regularly turned. The Great War Book currently records 1207 names and the WWII Book 300 names.

The Rolls of Honour website pages have had a number of updates to existing data and a few additional photographs have been added. In conjunction with the Central Council webmaster, Peter Trotman, I will be looking at ways of adding a larger range of photographs in the future. I continue to receive and answer questions from people who have seen the information on the website.

I was asked at the last Central Council meeting to consider the location of the Books and mention was made of the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire; while this now has some memorials covering both the Great War and WWII it is primarily a place of remembrance of those who have died since WWII and, as such, I do not think it appropriate for our Rolls of Honour to be located there at this time. However, I am aware that because of the current location of the Rolls of Honour, they are not very visible either to ringers or to the general public so, in consultation with Philip Rogers, the Secretary of the St Paul's Cathedral Guild of Ringers, we are starting a dialogue with the Cathedral authorities to see if a more accessible, but still secure, location for the Rolls can be found. I feel this is particularly

important with the upcoming centenary of the Great War.

The work on the new Great War Roll of Honour to record the names of those not commemorated in the original Great War Roll has continued. Tim Noad, a professional illuminator, has been working on the front piece for this and I am hoping that it will be available by the time of the Central Council Meeting in June 2012. Over £3,400 has been donated to date to support this.

Research to find the names of ringers who died in the Great War and WWII which were not in the original Rolls has continued and there are at present 81 names to be added to the new Great War Roll and 11 names to be added to the WWII Roll. As always I am grateful to ringers and others for supplying information and once again Yvonne Cairns and David Underdown have provided valuable assistance.

Private William Stanley Lynn of Edenham, Lincolnshire, has recently been recognised as a War Casualty by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission; Private Lynn is commemorated on a Memorial in the tower at Edenham and is buried in the churchyard there.

An article was published in *The Ringling World* in November 2011 which gave more details about the six ringers known to be buried in Caterpillar Valley Cemetery, Longueval, France.

ALAN REGIN

Report of the Stewards of the Dove Database

We would argue that our 'report', far from being just a once-yearly paragraph or three within Council papers and aimed primarily at Council members, is actually the *Dove* website www.dove.cccbr.org.uk/home.php on the internet which is updated almost EVERY day of the year and which is visited frequently by the Exercise as a whole.

It was reported to us by Sid Baldwin (John's non-ringing son) at the end of 2011 that, since March 2008, the *Dove* website had then received over 0.5 million visits and over 4 million pageviews which we understand puts it into the category of 'an extremely successful website'. The impressive rate of change of our data reported last year has been maintained throughout 2011 and since, and that brings with it the need for constant (and timely) dealing with the many emails by which the data for those changes arrive. John, as Dovemaster, aims to reply to each and every one within a space of hours, unless he happens to be away from home for a period and then a News Item to that effect is normally shown.

Although we had sincerely hoped that Edition 10 of *Dove* would be in people's hands before 2011 was out, sadly this did not prove to be possible. Part of the reason is enshrined within what has already been said, namely that dealing with the constant stream of changes which arrive, not a few of which are relatively short-term in duration (such as suspension of ringing during refurbishment of a ring) is where we prioritise our attention. By way of compensation, readers will notice the return of many of the Appendices (to which Fr

David Cawley has contributed a sizeable fraction of the text) which were absent from Edition 9 and we trust it will be seen to be a worthy companion to its predecessors once purchasers have had a chance to explore it in detail. The 'hard graft' of driving this along has been the result of much consistent and energetic effort on the part of Tim Jackson, whose liaison with the Publications Committee and with our various contributors has been invaluable.

We urge our informants that, while we are anxious to learn of and are happy to publicise short-term changes to a tower's entry (as well as the example given above, the suspension of ringing for other reasons, such as tower repairs, is a case in point), we also wish to learn when those conditions no longer prevail. If you find that YOU are the person who tells us that something has changed, then please consider it your associated task to ascertain and let us know promptly when the situation later reverts 'to normal'.

Just as this report was being prepared, Sid was pleased to get approval for a *Dove* 'app' for iPhone, iPod Touch, and iPad and, within 2 days of its announcement of availability, more than 100 downloads had already been recorded. Further details about the app can be found on the *Dove* website.

The rapid development of IT continues, especially with regard to social networking (Facebook and Twitter, for example). We feel it could be of assistance to us and the Exercise as a whole if there is someone who might be interested in joining our small team to take primary responsibility for developing this aspect of the Dove work. Anyone having such an interest, preferably a member of Council but possibly not, is invited to get in touch with us.

As in previous years, we continue to be extremely grateful to Sid, for his programming contributions, and also to Ron Johnston for his wise advice and input.

JOHN BALDWIN
TIM JACKSON

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

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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.

Rescue Fund for Redundant Bells

The full name of the charity is:-

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH
BELL RINGERS RESCUE FUND FOR
REDUNDANT BELLS

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

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

8 LEBANON GARDENS, LONDON
SW18 1RG.

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

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

The Revd Dr. J. C. Baldwin

R. J. Cooles

A. J. Frost

R. Lewis

J. Newman

Miss H. Webb

The Honorary Secretary is: R. J. Cooles

The Honorary Treasurer is:

The Revd Dr J. C. Baldwin.

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The Fund has not been called upon to make any loans during 2011. It has notified its willingness to assist ringing associations which have rings of bells within their area which may need removal at short notice but in the event no such requirement materialised during the year. The Fund's Trustees continue to keep in close communication with the Trustees of the Keltek Trust to work with that Trust's Rescue Fund as and when appropriate.

The Trustees have been grateful to those who nominate the funds the beneficiary of 'Every Click' and to those who continue their loan facility.

R. J. COOLES (*Honorary Secretary*)

J. C. BALDWIN (*Honorary Treasurer*)

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS Rescue Fund for Redundant Bells

Registered Charity No 278816

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2011

	2011	2010
Incoming resources		
Interest receivable	65	36
EveryClick (=donations from ringers)	12	34
Loan repayment (part) from parishes	0	10,000
	77	10,070
Resources expended		
Payments	0	1
	0	1
Net incoming resources	77	10,069
Balances at 1 January 2011	13,283	3214
Balances at 31 December 2011	13,361	13,283

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2010

Current assets		
Cash in bank and on deposit	13,361	13,283
Total current assets	13,361	13,283
Current liabilities	0	0
Net current assets	13,361	13,283
Funds		
Unrestricted	13,361	13,283

J C Baldwin

27 February 2012



Central Council Publications

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

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

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

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Child Protection & Bell Ringing

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

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



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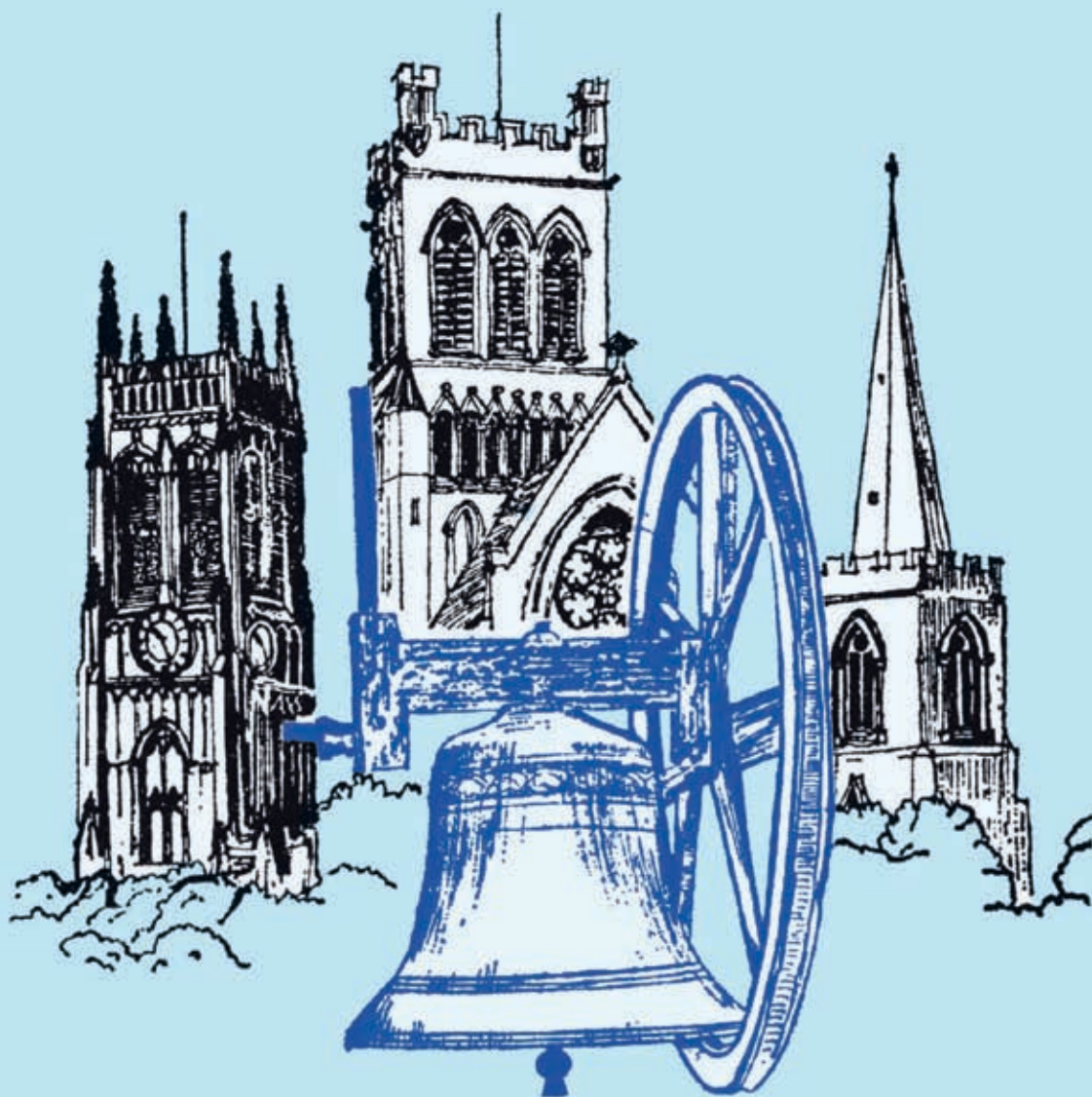
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