

2007 Central Council Supplement



The Ringing Foundation

Investing in the future of ringing
Opening new possibilities Stimulating change



BELLS



RINGERS



= THE FUTURE OF THE EXERCISE

Which are standing idle? Which are in shortest supply? Which have the shortest life?
... so which do we need to invest more in?

The story so far

The Christmas edition of *The Ringing World* announced the proposal to set up a Ringing Foundation, which was a recommendation of the working group set up by the President of the Central Council. The CC also wrote to all affiliated societies, seeking comment and support. At the Central Council meeting in Cheltenham at the end of May, the Foundation will be the subject of the Open Meeting on the Sunday. The formal motion to set it up will be put to the Council at its meeting on the Monday.

The need

The heading of this article graphically illustrates that if the Exercise is to flourish into the future we need a healthy supply of both ringers and bells. This is not an even mix. We need more ringers than bells, whereas currently we have many bells standing idle for lack of ringers. In addition, ringers have limited lives, so they need renewing more often than bells.

We all know of struggling bands, and silent towers, but what worries many people even more is the trend for the future. Conditions

now are very different from what they were when many of us learnt to ring. This has often been said, but the changes come into sharper focus when you compare the picture of ringing captured in the 1988 survey, with the early indications coming out of the pilot work of the CC Ringing Trends Committee (which was recently set up to provide long term, objective information about how things really are changing, as an aid to future policy).

The 1988 survey showed that 60% of ringers, and half of tower captains were under 40. It also showed that younger tower

captains recruit ringers more easily, and retain more of them.

Early indications about the current situation compare unfavourably with this. There seem to be very few ringers aged between 20 and 40, with the peak age in the mid 50s. That in itself would cause concern, given the previous evidence about the effectiveness of young tower captains. Another interesting snippet is that half of current ringers learnt to ring in their teens. We can not read too much into incomplete data, even when it supports popular belief, but putting the two facts together, suggests that as well as acquiring many older learners, we might also have 'lost a generation' – the generation that should be acting as the power house to bring on the next generation. If that is so, then we are living on borrowed time.

Changing the status quo

Everything points to the need for some major changes in the way we go about recruitment and training. We can not just carry on more or less as we always have. We need to do things better, to do new things, to find new resources and to use them effectively. That presents us with many challenges. It will require a lot of determination, creative thinking and effort to make change on a large scale. There will be many barriers to overcome.

Money can help

The Ringing Foundation is intended to help overcome one of those barriers – money. Things can often be done more quickly, done better or more thoroughly, or done on a more widespread scale, if there is money available to help. Ringers are generally resourceful at managing to do things on a shoe string, and in fact we pride ourselves in doing much for free, but we should not let that limit what we achieve (or worse still, limit what we try to achieve).

Some things cannot be bought, but many can. The Christmas article gave examples where modest funding had made possible some very worthwhile projects. Lack of money can be the barrier that prevents things happening. Making available even part of the money could be the spur that enables a project to go ahead.

Money can not do everything, but it can supplement other available resources.

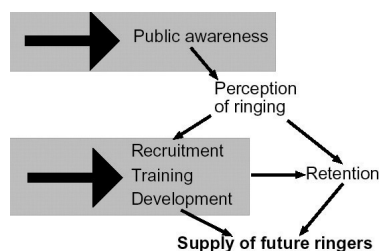
The Foundation's objectives

'To support the development of the skills, practice and art of change ringing on tower bells and handbells through enhanced public awareness of all aspects of bells and bell ringing and the training of ringers'.

It is tempting to consider 'PR' as an extra – something we do not need to carry on ringing, but which lets us tell other people about it. But the public perception of ringing is fundamental to its future health. We recruit from the pool of non-ringers. If ringing has a positive image, we are likely to attract, more and better recruits. After we recruit them, they still live among non-ringers. Whether they remain as ringers will also be strongly influenced by whether other people perceive them as

doing something 'odd' or something 'really interesting'.

On the 'training' side, the Foundation will apply a very broad interpretation that embraces far more than initial training. The process of developing recruits to long term competent ringers embraces much more than this.



'People projects'

The previous article used this term as a shorthand to cover the sort of initiative that the Foundation would support, but it caused some misunderstanding. It is a shorthand reference to a distinction commonly used to distinguish projects or programmes where the main aim is the advancement and wellbeing of people, and what they can achieve, from those focused on the preservation of buildings and historic fabric, such as bell restoration. The Ringing Foundation will focus on people as beneficiaries, but that does not mean it will not pay for anything physically tangible if needed. The cost of 'tools and equipment' will be as valid as those of services, time and effort.

What sort of things will it fund?

The Foundation will consider funding any activity with potential to benefit ringing. That is a broad remit, and we hope the Foundation's existence will stimulate some new ideas that have not yet been tried. But there are already examples of very successful things that can be done (like those listed in the Christmas article). Copying them more widely would be very beneficial, and a combination of grants towards the costs, and making available help and advice, could help it to happen. When people learn what has been made to work elsewhere, and can get support, it is much easier to take the plunge.

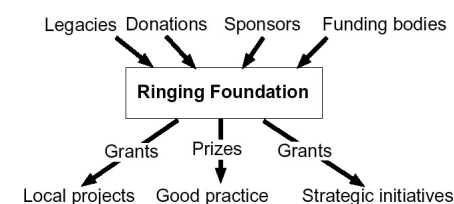
As well as small scale local projects, we expect the Foundation to fund some larger strategic initiatives. Several are under consideration, including the development, and widespread dissemination, of video and web resources to support awareness, recruitment, training and learning. If ringing is to compete with other activities for the younger generation, then it must use professional, modern media. For example, the CC training video was made possible by commercial sponsorship, but it is now 10 years old, and ripe for updating.

Themes

Within its broad remit, we expect the Foundation will establish a number of 'themes', which might be the subject of specific grant or award programmes, and would help to monitor the balance between different types of activity. Some possible themes are listed opposite.

Money when and where needed

There are many sources of funding that would be sympathetic to ringing projects. Some of the projects mentioned in the Christmas article had obtained funding, but they had to find it for themselves – a barrier to many people. The Foundation will help join donors to recipients.



Scale – The size of donations do not have to match the size of individual needs. The Foundation can spread large donations over many small projects, or aggregate modest donations to fund major projects.

Sharing – By setting up 'themed' programmes, the Foundation will be able to encourage similar projects to share their experiences.

Continuity – The Foundation will always be there – to receive legacies and donations as they become available, and to make grants as and when the need arises.

Focus – The Foundation's existence should help to stimulate initiatives, because as it develops, and as the publicity surrounding the projects it has supported become more widely known, more people will think about doing things themselves. A similar effect is seen when a bell restoration fund is set up. Requests for support tend to grow along with the fund's resources.

So the Ringing Foundation will:

- Assure support is available for local projects
- Encourage more ambitious projects
- Provide a home for available money

Management

The Foundation will be registered as a charitable company, and managed by a board of twelve trustees. They will be elected annually by CC members (unless they opt out) which is similar to what happens with The Ringing World Limited. The trustees themselves need not all be CC members (nor need they all be ringers). They will be chosen for their ability and willingness to do the job.

The trustees will report annually on their activities, and they will develop a 'business plan' for the Foundation's activities over the next three years. They will also work closely with other bodies, such as CC committees, to ensure widespread take up, and effective use of the grants made available.

The trustees will seek funds from sources sympathetic to the Foundation's objectives. They will be able to accept both 'open' or 'targeted' funds (e.g. funds to support work in a specific region, or on a specific theme).

The trustees will determine criteria for allocating grants. Typically these will be based on value for money, use of matching funds, and of course meeting the Foundation's objectives.

Sunday 27th May OPEN MEETING

St Matthew's, Cheltenham
@ 14.30

PROPOSAL FOR A RINGING FOUNDATION

"For the purpose of raising funds
to assist with :-

- (a) Promoting awareness of the ringing of bells and the art of change ringing;
- (b) Supporting the recruitment and training of bell ringers and promoting good practice in the training of ringers."

Tea & Coffee

A means to an end

The aim is to secure a better future for ringing. The Foundation is part of the answer, but only a part. It can make available money that we know is available, from both private donors and public funds.

The challenge to us all will be to exploit it fully. We need to 'change up a gear' in the way we do PR, recruitment and training. Ringing societies, ringing centres, CC committees, and individual activists must all be proactive, to make things happen, to promote and spread good practice, to inspire many local initiatives, and to try new ideas.

The Foundation will support us financially, but it will not do things for us. The future of ringing is in our hands.

In summary

The Foundation is based on three premises: that the Exercise needs to do more to secure the future health of ringing, that public awareness and training are the key areas, and that money can help to make a difference.



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Possible themes

Working with groups, e.g.:

... young people
... schools
... universities

... older entrants

Effective recruitment, e.g.:

... new ringers
... lapsed ringers

Developing teachers

Centres of excellence, e.g.:

... towers
... ringing centres
... local societies

Use of novel techniques, e.g.:

... handbells and dumbbells
... training tools

Promotion to the public

Management of training

The future of the Exercise

Opportunities to introduce ringing to large numbers of children

Source of future leaders or opportunity to drop out, as many do now?

An abundant resource. Can we develop them more effectively?

Attracting the right people could help improve retention

Attracting back good trained ringers can yield better pay-back than ab-initio recruitment

More people teaching. More teaching well. More younger teachers.

Spreading benefit to surrounding towers

Providing an effective focus in their area

Being pro-active to deliver benefits to member towers

Can be used at an earlier age, and in any location, to introduce youngsters to ringing

More use of simulators, video, etc, as yet under exploited

Ringers engaging pro-actively with the public: talks, tours, taster days, mobile belfry, mini-ring ...

Proper overall management and organisation of training in towers – more than a competent teacher.

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

Registered Charity No 270036

The third session of the 39th Council (110th Annual Meeting) will be held on Monday, 28th May 2007 at the Bacon Theatre, Dean Close School, Cheltenham, starting at 10.00 a.m. It will be preceded by a Corporate Communion Service at 8.45 a.m. in the School Chapel.

Will members please sign the roll and be in their seats by 9.50 a.m. The morning session will be adjourned at 12.45 p.m.; at 2.15 p.m. the Annual Meeting of The Ringing World Limited will be held; the afternoon session will resume after that Meeting.

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 2006 Annual Meeting:
the following amendments have been notified:
on page 728 paragraph (p) should be (o) and the following paragraph should be (p) not (c); (this refers to the originally published version; the copy sent to Council members was corrected);
on page 728, Other Business: to the second sentence should be added: ' ; for example, the Redundant Bells Committee could be handled by stewards not a full committee'.
7. Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
8. Annual Report of the Council (p.441).
9. Accounts for 2006 (p.442).
10. Election of Honorary Members:
Stella Bianco, Heather Peachey, Judith Rogers, Alan Berry, Bob Cooles, Bill Hibbert and Barry Ward retire. There are in all ten vacancies.
11. Motions:
(A) That Council shall set up a Ringing Foundation as a charitable vehicle to raise funds and channel them to suitable projects that support the development of the skills, practice and art of bell-ringing through enhanced public awareness of all aspects of bells and bell ringing and through the training of ringers.
Proposed by John Harrison (Oxford Diocesan Guild), seconded by Anthony P Smith (Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild).
- (B) (i) That with effect from 2009, subscriptions paid to the Council by affiliated Societies in accordance with Rule 9 shall be proportional to their membership as certified under Rule 5 (i).
(ii) That with effect from 2009, subscriptions paid to the Council by affiliated Societies shall be 10 pence per Society member as certified under Rule 5 (i).
Proposed by Phil Gay (North Staffordshire Association), seconded by John Harrison (Oxford Diocesan Guild).
- Motion B (ii) will be withdrawn if motion B (i) is not passed.
- (C) (i) That a quarter peal will constitute at least one fourth of the length of a peal, complying with all the required conditions for a peal.
(ii) That the band that first rings a quarter peal of a new method, or an extent in the case of Doubles or Minor, shall name the method.
If Motions (C) (i) and (ii) are accepted, the Methods Committee be asked to consider what changes to the Council's Decisions are necessary.
Proposed by David Manger (Kent County Association), seconded by Philip Larter (Kent County Association).
- (D) (i) That Rules 14 (ii) (j) and 15 (xi) (re the Committee for Redundant Bells) be deleted and that any residual functions be incorporated into the Bell Restoration Committee or other arrangement as shall be determined by the Administrative Committee.
(ii) That Rule 5 (ii) of the Rescue Fund for Redundant Bells be amended to delete the words 'the Committee for Redundant Bells' and replace with the words 'the Bell Restoration Committee'.
Proposed by Laith Reynolds (Australian and New Zealand Association), seconded by Philip Earis (Cambridge University Guild).
- Motion D (ii) will be withdrawn if motion D (i) is not passed.
- (E) That the Council's Decisions on (A) The Installation and Preservation of Bells be amended as follows:
(i) in paragraph 3 line 2 replace 'gramophone records' with 'recordings';
(ii) in paragraph 4 line 1 replace 'a mechanical device' with 'electronic equipment';
(iii) in paragraph 5 lines 5 and 7 replace 'gramophone record' with 'playback equipment';
(iv) in paragraph 6 line 1 delete 'the increasing number of'.
Proposed by Adrian Udall (Middlesex County Association & London Diocesan Guild) and seconded by Robert Lewis (Honorary Member).
12. Report of the Stewards of the Carter Ringing Machine Collection (p.442).
13. Report of the Steward of the Rolls of Honour (p.443).
14. To receive, discuss and if thought fit to adopt the reports of the following Committees; to pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising from the reports; and to elect members to fill vacancies where possible.

(a) Administrative (p.443)	(j) Information and Communications Technology (p.450)
(b) Redundant Bells (p.444)	(k) Library (p.450)
(c) Ringing Centres (p.445)	(l) Methods (p.451)
(d) Ringing Trends (p.446)	(m) Peal Compositions (p.451)
(e) Towers and Belfries (p.447)	(n) Peals Analysis (p.451)
(f) Tower Stewardship (p.448)	(o) Public Relations (p.454)
(g) Bell Restoration (p.448)	(p) Publications (p.457)
(h) Biographies (p.449)	(q) Records (p.458)
(i) Education (p.450)	
15. Election of Stewards of the Dove database for 2007-2008:
John Baldwin is proposed by Jane Wilkinson and seconded by Robert Cooles;
Tim Jackson is proposed by Michael Church and seconded by John Baldwin.
16. Central Council Rescue Fund for Redundant Bells (registered charity no. 278816)
– Report and Accounts (p.459).
17. Future meetings.
18. Any other business.

IAN H ORAM
Hon Secretary

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Central Council of Church Bell Ringers



Annual Report For 2006

1. The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers ('the Council') was founded in 1891 and is a registered charity, no. 270036. Its address is that of its Honorary Secretary for the time being, namely The Cottage, School Hill, Warnham, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 3QN. The constitution and conduct of the Council is governed by its Rules.

2. The Council's Trustees during 2006 were as follows:

President	Mr D E Sibson
Vice-President	Mr A P Smith
Hon Secretary	Mr I H Oram
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 29th May 2006 the Council's membership comprised 7 Life Members, 22 Honorary Members and 204 Representative Members representing 66 affiliated societies. Since then one affiliated society has been dissolved, thus losing two Representative Members; 1 Life Member has died; 6 Honorary Members retired and 5 who had been elected at that meeting took office; one Representative Member has died and the vacancy has been filled and there have been five other changes in representation.

Subject to any further changes, at the start of the 2007 Council meeting there will be 6 Life Members, 21 Honorary Members and 202 Representative Members.

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

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

6. The work of the Council in pursuing this object is for the most part carried out by its seventeen committees and by working groups appointed by them. Summaries of their activities during 2006 are given in the committee reports, which appear elsewhere on the Council's agenda and are being published in the 27th April 2007 issue of *The Ringing World*.

7. The Accounts for 2006 show Total Funds at the year end of £358,577, of which £184,908 is in Restricted Funds. The income for the year totalled £33,366, compared with £59,239 in 2005. 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.

8. It is confirmed that the Council's Assets, together with the expected income for 2007, are available and are likely to be adequate to fulfil the object of the Council in that year.

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

(vi) 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.

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

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

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

I H ORAM

Honorary Secretary

April 2007

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2006

1 Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the

Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities.

2 Accounting Policies

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

2.1 Incoming resources

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

2.2 Resources expended

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

3 Consistency

The accounts are prepared on a consistent basis with the exception of,

a. The Capital Fund has been redesignated as General Fund since the purpose of the Capital Fund is no longer required.

b. The Library committee expenses have been paid from the General Fund instead of a grant from the General fund to the Library Fund.

4 Funds

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

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

5 Transfers between Funds

£54,181 has been transferred from the Capital Fund to the General Fund.

6 Tangible Assets and Intangible Assets

The major tangible assets of the Council are the Investments in National Savings Income Bonds, the Fred Dukes International Bell Fund, which is invested in a CAF Bank Limited Gold Account and the Library Collection. The Library Collection is valued at a replacement cost of £65,733. The revaluation was undertaken by J M Farringdon as at December 2003 when the value was £67,600. The policy is to revalue the collection every five years. It is being depreciated for accounting purposes at 2% per annum. An asset register is maintained for other tangible assets. The policy is to treat assets of an individual cost up to £1,000 as fully depreciated in the year of purchase. The major intangible asset of the Council is the copyright of Dove's Guide.

7 Interest Receivable

	2006	2005
	£	£
National Savings		
Investment Bonds	3,856	3,949
Central Board of Finance of the		
Church of England Deposit	4,970	4,362
CAF Bank Limited Gold Account	3,211	3,128
Other banks	37	40
Total	12,074	11,479

8 Committee Expenses – General Fund

These were as follows	2006	2005
	£	£
Administrative	791	824
Bell Restoration	362	612
Biographies	135	38
Education	697	993
Information and Communications	389	259
Library	315	0
Public Relations	530	403
Public Relations Workshop	130	239
Ringing Centres	263	867
Ringing Trends	126	125
Towers & Belfries	567	504
Tower Stewardship	196	0
Carter Ringing Machine Steward	0	96
Roll of Honour Steward	0	160
Committee stands at RR2005	0	560
Total	4,501	5,680

9 Grants

The Fred Dukes International Bell Fund awarded three grants totalling £3,671. One grant awarded in 2005 was not taken up and there were no payments during the year.

Unpaid 1/1/06	Not taken up	Awarded in 2006	Paid in 2006	Unpaid 31/12/06
2005 2,815	-540		0	2,275
2006		3,671	0	3,671
Total 2,815	-540	3,671	0	5,946

The Bell Restoration Fund did not award any grants in 2006. A total of 17 grants totalling £12,220 were paid in the year.

	Unpaid 1/1/06	Awarded in 2006	Paid in 2006	Unpaid 31/12/06
2001	600		-600	0
2004	10,100		-4,600	5,500
2005	19,400		-7,000	12,400
2006		0	0	0
Total	30,100	0	-12,200	17,900

The General Fund made one grant in 2006 of £1,145 to All Saints, Fourways Gardens, Johannesburg which was the amount collected through an appeal in *The Ringing World*.

10 Charitable Commitments

There were unfulfilled charitable commitments at 31st December 2006 in respect of 4 grants totalling £5,946 awarded but not yet paid by the Fred Dukes International Bell Fund, and 20 grants totalling £17,900

awarded but not yet paid by the Bell Restoration Fund.

11 Publications Fund

Storage and distribution cost of £1,800 was paid to Council members.

12 Payments to Trustees

There were no payments to Trustees.

13 Emoluments of Employees

The Council had no employees during the year.

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

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

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Registered Charity Number 270036

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2006

	General Fund	Education Courses	Bell Rest- oration Fund	F Dukes Internat'l Bell Fund	Public- ations Fund	Library Fund	Capital Fund	Total Funds 2006	Total Funds 2005
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and Expenditure									
Incoming resources:									
Affiliation fees	3,060							3,060	3,060
Subscriptions from Friends of Library						1,628		1,628	1,961
Interest receivable	6,531	37	1,275	3,211	595	425		12,074	11,479
Sales of publications, books and CDs	555				11,417	100		12,072	15,151
Ringing Roadshow 2005								0	3,862
Sales of jigsaw puzzles			491					491	2,067
Sales of training video/dvd	192							192	224
Courses and seminars		40						40	152
Stock written back					1,831			1,831	2,787
Donations	1,897					81		1,978	18,372
Sundry income								0	124
Total incoming resources	12,235	77	1,766	3,211	13,843	2,234	0	33,366	59,239
Resources expended:									
Council meeting	2,779							2,779	3,059
Committee expenses	4,501				128			4,629	6,139
Council and other committee costs					51			51	142
Courses and seminars		54						54	142
Cost of publications sold					7,001			7,001	9,551
PR Leaflets	1,644							1,644	3,293
Towers & Belfries Equipment								0	440
Library projects						7		7	2,171
Library maintenance						70		70	45
Grants	1,145		12,200					13,345	12,100
Rescue Fund for Redundant Bells			5,000					5,000	0
Advertising					2,798			2,798	2,620
Storage and distribution					1,800			1,800	1,700
Stationery, postage & telephone	249				10			259	797
Insurance	1,795				682			2,477	2,478
Stock written off and disposed of					631			631	0
Depreciation of Library Collection						1,334		1,334	1,361
Depreciation of shelving						106		106	106
Sundry expenses	30							30	0
Total resources expended	12,143	54	17,200	0	13,101	1,517	0	44,015	46,144
Net I/c resources before transfers	92	23	-15,434	3,211	742	717	0	-10,649	13,095
Transfers between funds	54,181						-54,181	0	0
Net movement in funds	54,273	23	-15,434	3,211	742	717	-54,181	-10,649	13,095
Balances at 1st January 2006	91,539	2,626	36,090	81,187	24,466	79,137	54,181	369,226	356,131
Balances at 31st December 2006	145,812	2,649	20,656	84,398	25,208	79,854	0	358,577	369,226

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Registered Charity Number 270036

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2006

	General Fund	Education Courses	Bell Rest- oration Fund	F Dukes Internat'l Bell Fund	Public- ations Fund	Friends of Library	Capital Fund	Total Funds 2006	Total Funds 2005
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets									
Tangible assets									
Investments at cost	90,000			81,579				171,579	168,369
Library Collection						65,733		65,733	66,947
Library shelving						1,802		1,802	1,908
Total fixed assets	90,000	0	0	81,579	0	67,535	0	239,114	237,224
Current Assets									
Stock					11,208	244		11,452	5,829
Debtors and prepayments	7,963				4	220		8,187	1,380
Cash on short term deposit and at bank	71,116	2,649	20,656	2,819	14,393	12,044		123,677	127,103
Total current assets	79,079	2,649	20,656	2,819	25,605	12,508	0	143,316	134,312
Current Liabilities									
Creditors					397	189		3,853	2,310
Amounts due within one year	3,267								
Rescue Fund for Redundant Bells	20,000							20,000	
Net current assets	75,812	2,649	20,656	2,819	25,208	12,319	0	119,463	132,002
Total assets less current liabilities	165,812	2,649	20,656	84,398	25,208	79,854	0	358,577	369,226
Funds									
Unrestricted	145,812							145,812	91,539
Restricted			20,656	84,398		79,854		184,908	196,414
Designated		2,649			25,208			27,857	81,273
Total Funds	145,812	2,649	20,656	84,398	25,208	79,854	0	358,577	369,226

Report of the Stewards of the Carter Ringing Machine Collection

Due to other commitments there has been little activity in respect of the Carter Ringing Machine. The Stewards have ensured that the Machine and the associated display work are kept in good order in the main body of the Museum. There have been no requests for demonstrations from Ringing or other Societies.

The Peter Cummins Simulators

Following a request from the last Council Meeting in respect of the Peter Cummins Simulators we report that all items remain in the same condition as when received at the Museum in 2002. The items have not been operated since that date (and possibly before) with the exception of item 8 from the list below which was last in use at the Roadshow in 2005 at Newbury.

1. Model bell in wooden frame with fittings – 510mm x 310mm x 410mm.
2. Aluminium box – 350mm x 230mm x 130mm.
3. Item 8a – chipboard base hardboard top – 700mm x 350mm x 350mm.
4. Item 8b – chipboard box – 600mm x 500mm x 150mm.
5. Item 8c – dark brown box – 600mm x 500mm x 150mm.
6. Item 12a, mk III – chipboard base with triangular aluminium superstructure, hardboard cover missing – 690mm x 330mm x 280mm.
7. Item 12b – chipboard box – 530mm x 470mm x 150mm.
8. Item 12c, mk 16 – chipboard box – 500mm x 360mm x 150mm (in full working order)
9. Additional items for item 12a. Two small boxes containing programme cards – 240mm x 180mm x 80mm. Three foot pedal switches.
10. Folder containing a set of construction and operation details for simulators.

There are two additional items a) A 37 note keyboard with Music Rack 760mm x 300mm x 130mm and b) a unit 760mm x 610mm x 180mm with a 180mm diameter loud speaker. All dimensions are approximate.

Report of the Steward of the Rolls of Honour

I have received a very small number of names to be added to the Rolls of Honour. If any members of Council have further names for inclusion, will they please submit them to me by the time of the Council meeting. I will arrange for an update to the books after the meeting.

I will report further on the availability of hard copy and/or electronic versions of the Rolls at the meeting.

ANDREW STUBBS

Administrative Committee

Since the 2006 Council meeting the Committee has met twice in London, in October and March. The arrangements for the 2007 Council meeting were discussed and agreed; the Committee has continued its practice of reviewing the work of Council Committees and received presentations from the Education and Library Committees.

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

Council website – the ICT Committee recommended that Dove's Guide remain under the current basic hosting contract with Nildram and that the Council and related websites be moved to the Servelocity Virtual Private Server. It was explained that John Baldwin and his colleagues felt that to move away from Nildram would not maintain the existing levels of service for Dove. The change was agreed.

It was noted that the Public Relations Committee was working alongside the ICT Committee to improve the front page of the website, to make it more appealing to non-ringers.

Ringing Roadshow – this item was discussed by the Committee since the General Fund provides financial support if needed.

The Public Relations Committee had considered several sites: Stoneleigh had been visited on 20th July by Committee members and the President: they were impressed by the facilities available. John Anderson had been invited to organise the show.

There was much discussion on whether to hold a two-day event: it was agreed that such an event could take place on a Friday and Saturday, NOT a Saturday and Sunday; extending the hours of opening on a Saturday was not practical, as people still had to travel home; a preview late afternoon or evening on a Friday might be attractive. It was suggested that many people might wish to stay overnight if it were a two-day event; previous stall-holders had been canvassed, of whom around 75% would support a two-day event; there was plenty of accommodation on site or nearby; an evening social function could be arranged. Having taken account of all the views expressed, the Officers decided to contract for a two-day event.

Tower Stewardship Committee – recognising the important role of this new Committee, an interim report was presented in October, with particular reference to the meeting of Committee

members and Council Officers with the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group.

The Committee considered the following items arising from the 2006 Council meeting:

Basis for charging subscriptions – in response to a query raised, a paper had been produced with two suggestions for a basis. The first basis bore a much closer relationship to the size of a society than at present and in this way the subscription could be seen as the contribution of individual ringers to the work of the Council. However, since there had been no formal request from the Council for a change, a Motion would have to be presented, if the matter was to be taken any further.

Terms of Reference and Structure of Committees – in order to assist consideration of this matter, the Secretary had circulated comments from the Consultation Process of 2001, which suggested four groups of committees: no action had been taken on that proposal at that time; although several members felt that the Administrative Committee was too large, there was no agreement to take action on the proposals of 2001, nor was it felt that the Council wanted a wholesale review of structures.

It was agreed that the matter be discussed with Laith Reynolds, who had proposed the Motion. At the outset Laith had queried the Minute recording his proposal for a motion on the structure of committees; while the Secretary had acknowledged that he could have added from his notes 'for example, the Redundant Bells Committee could be handled by stewards not a full committee', the general feeling of members was that the Minute was correct; had there been a specific request to review the Committee for Redundant Bells, members of that committee would have objected. What became clear from the meeting with Laith was that he also did not expect a review of the whole Council committee structure.

It was felt that there was a need for guidelines for committees; sometimes committees were criticised; the Council expected to see some items included in committee reports, without a rigid adherence to the Terms of Reference. A draft set of guidelines was circulated: it was thought that the guidelines were a good idea which could be adopted by the Administrative Committee and given to Committee chairmen. The guidance should encourage committees to tell *The Ringing World* about their activities: once a year for the Council meeting was not enough, the paper welcomed small and frequent items. It was agreed that more time was needed to consider the draft which would be reviewed in October.

Ringing Alliances – the Secretary had invited the two Societies to submit articles about their activities to *The Ringing World*: an interesting article about the Geldrop ringers appeared in the 24th November issue; a response from Transvaal was still awaited. Other ways of developing the Alliance were being explored.

The Council and quarter-peal ringing – the Peal Compositions Committee had responded well with appropriate compositions to be published on a regular basis and the 2007

Diary had new compositions. There may be a Motion to the Council, which would give an opportunity to debate the matter and reach agreement on the principles, before referring any detailed work to a committee.

Working group to examine the recording of peals – it was reported that a position paper had been prepared to be discussed with Bill Hibbert: it was hoped to present this to the October meeting of the Committee.

Other matters discussed included:

Proposed Ringing Foundation – a working group was set up to respond to a possible private donation to support work in the interests of the future of ringing (other than bell restoration). The group comprised the President and Vice-President and representatives from each of the Education, Public Relations and Ringing Centres Committee, namely Roger Booth, Gail Cater, John Harrison, Simon Linford and Judith Rogers. The group looked more broadly at the issue of how funding could contribute to aspects of ringing including public awareness, recruitment and training. The group explored ways to spread good practice, especially ways to support initiatives at local level. One conclusion was that a Ringing Foundation, similar to those that exist for many other sports and pastimes, could act as an umbrella, able to seek and receive donations and other funding, and to make money available as grants to support a wide number of both local and strategic projects. A Motion would be put to Council proposing the formation of a charitable Ringing Foundation, at arm's length from the Council itself. This would be a first step to support the more significant task of changing expectations, and achieving greater levels of activity in these important areas.

English Heritage – meetings had taken place on 12th October 2006 and 5th March. CCCBR representatives had congratulated Graham Pledger on his excellent article on survey recording techniques published in *The Ringing World* on 15th September. Concern had been expressed at the possible implications for ringing of some recent legislation: EH felt that there was no likelihood of exemptions for churches: a view should be taken in each circumstance and a risk assessment undertaken. There had been no progress on the part of EH in producing a model specification for surveys of existing bellframes. The effect of EH's initiative 'Inspired!' to draw the attention of Government to the need of finance for church repairs would not be known until the result of the next comprehensive spending review was known – possibly by September – but it was thought unlikely that there would be any increase. Moves on Ecclesiastical Exemption were linked with the Heritage White Paper recently published, which would be open for consultation for 3 months; there would be new designation documents describing a church, its churchyard, any listed memorials, but at present there was very little about contents and fittings, certainly no mention of bells and bellframes. Problems with several rehangers had prompted EH to be asked to recommend how steel beam-ends should be built in; EH said that each case had to be

considered separately but it would list the factors to be considered.

Council for the Care of Churches – at the meeting held on 18th October the main item concerned the new criteria for listing bells: Alan Frost, who had been a member of the working party, spoke of the constructive discussion; terminology had been changed to ‘bells of historic significance’; bellframes of similar note were also now included; a Corrigenda to the *Code of Practice* was published in *The Ringing World* issue of 3rd November. Legislation was in progress to revise the Pastoral Measure, one result of which would be a new body to inherit the functions of the Advisory Board for Redundant Churches and the CCC. CCC reported that a new quinquennium for the Council had started in June, with fresh appointments of Conservation Committees: details of membership of the Bells Committee were given in the 10th November issue.

The Council and The Ringing World – following an examination of the reserves policy of The Ringing World Limited, the Board had expressed a willingness to support specific projects to be undertaken by the Council or its Committees, provided that such projects could also be used to market *The Ringing World* to potential subscribers.

As announced at the last meeting of the Council, all committee reports are being produced in a special issue of the paper, further copies of which are available to promote the Council and its work.

Ex officio:

DEREK SIBSON (*President*)
 TONY SMITH (*Vice-President and Methods*)
 DEREK HARBOTTLE (*Treasurer*)
 IAN ORAM (*Secretary*)
 RICHARD ALLTON (*Records*)
 PHILLIP BARNES (*Peals Analysis*)
 GAIL CATER (*Ringing Centres*)
 MIKE CHESTER
 (*Information and Communications Technology*)
 JOHN COUPERTHWAITE (*Publications*)
 MIKE DAVIES (*Library*)
 KATE FLAVELL (*Bell Restoration*)
 PAT HALLS (*Biographies*)
 JOHN HARRISON (*Education*)
 STUART HUTCHIESON
 (*Peal Compositions*)

BERYL NORRIS (*Ringing Trends*)
 CHRIS POVEY (*Towers and Belfries*)
 JACKIE ROBERTS (*The Ringing World*)
 JUDITH ROGERS (*Public Relations*)
 ERNIE RUNCIMAN (*Tower Stewardship*)
 JANE WILKINSON (*Redundant Bells*)

Elected members:

JOHN ARMSTRONG
 ROGER BOOTH
 MICHAEL CHURCH
 ROBERT COOLES
 BARRIE DOVE
 ALAN FROST
 ROBERT LEWIS
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Committee for Redundant Bells

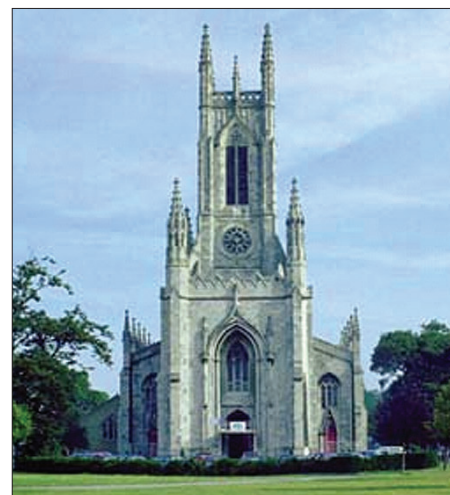
This year at least three dioceses – Chichester, Manchester, and York – embarked on major reviews of their pastoral provision, clearly affecting numbers of churches with bells. St. Peter, Brighton is a case in point. While the Church Commissioners anticipate numbers of churches declared redundant under the Pastoral Measure settling at between twenty and thirty a year – twenty one in 2006; nine in 2005 – they acknowledge that such reviews could make major differences. For the record, by the end of 2006 the total number of redundant churches had reached some 1717.

Redundant churches either find alternative uses, or pass into the care of the Churches Conservation Trust, or are demolished. Since 1969 the proportions have remained fairly steady at about 2:1:1; but now the figures suggest that more buildings are finding uses and fewer are being preserved or demolished, as the accompanying bar graph shows.

New legislation has made the redundancy process a little simpler. From January it has been possible to provide under faculty for part of a church to be used for something other than worship, whereas previously it was necessary to declare that part of the church redundant.

A cheering development during the year was the launch of English Heritage's *Inspired* campaign, aimed at pressing the government to do more to tackle the backlog of repairs to historic places of worship. It covers buildings of all denominations, and if successful should have some effect on redundancy numbers, though competition for cultural funds for Olympic purposes may overshadow it.

Interesting cases during the year included the modern partner of the very ancient bell at Cloughton; two bells in a derelict church in Hertfordshire; a bell apparently missing from a chime at a school; and a centre for a clock and bell project. We also – because it has become clear that not everyone realises that the Committee for Redundant Bells and the Rescue Fund for Redundant Bells are the same people – note that the Rescue Fund has



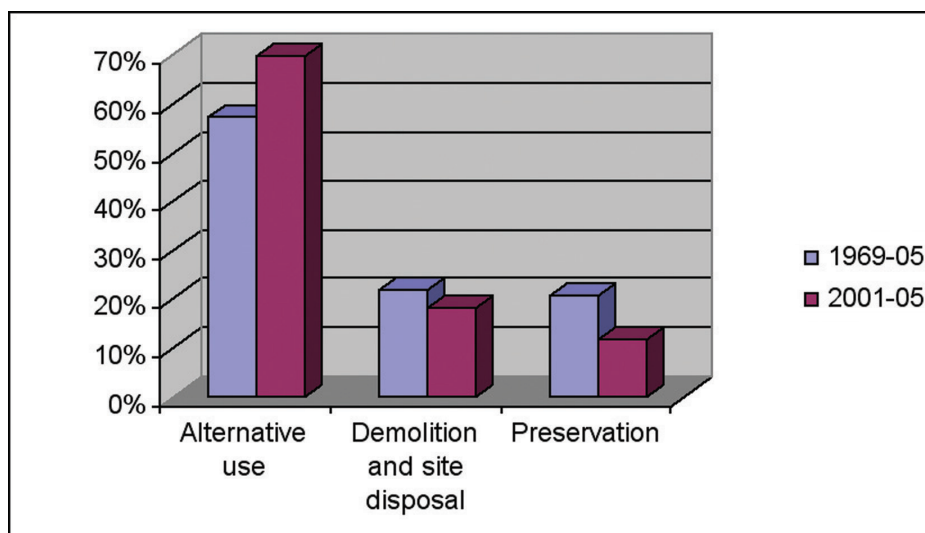
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Wickersley, St. Alban

been particularly active this year. It is a special pleasure that the Fund is currently helping to support the provision of bells at Wickersley, a project closely associated with Jeff Kershaw, a member of the Committee, who sadly did not see the project come to fruition.

As promised last year, updated lists of churches affected by redundancy from 1969 to the present have been provided to the associations. Work to add to the lists full details of the bells in all the churches is continuing. We are considering how earlier notice of redundancy proposals could reach





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

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

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

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

the associations, and are seeking to follow up the enquiries beyond the Church of England made by Philip Watts, immediate past chairman.

Finally, we note with pleasure the progress made by the Committee's "godchild", the proto National Bell Register, and include a

summary of its present coverage by Church of England diocese.

We record our thanks to the Council for the Care of Churches, the Advisory Board, and the Church Commissioners, with particular gratitude to Mrs. Dawn Christmas, our contact at Millbank, who retired during the year. The Keltek Trust goes from strength to strength: we thank David Kelly, consultant to the Committee, for his help and interest.

JANE WILKINSON (*Chairman*)

ANDREW ASPLAND

JOHN BALDWIN

ROBERT COOLES

ALAN FROST

JULIAN NEWMAN

JOHN SCOTT

Proto-NBR Coverage

By CofE Diocese [omitting other "owners"]

	Rings	Details		Bells (1)	Details (2)	Listed	
Bath & Wells	375	344	91.7%	2,300	2,159	93.9%	492 21.4%
Birmingham	44	44	100.0%	329	331	100.6%	28 8.5%
Blackburn	65	24	36.9%	464	195	42.0%	2 0.4%
Bradford	49	49	100.0%	299	301	100.7%	34 11.4%
Bristol	89	88	98.9%	580	595	102.6%	108 18.6%
Canterbury	160	128	80.0%	997	844	84.7%	205 20.6%
Carlisle	59	44	74.6%	388	335	86.3%	28 7.2%
Chelmsford	209	209	100.0%	1,319	1,389	105.3%	180 13.6%
Chester	111	42	37.8%	769	323	42.0%	5 0.7%
Chichester	149	149	100.0%	993	1,010	101.7%	95 9.6%
Coventry	126	126	100.0%	736	755	102.6%	161 21.9%
Derby	138	138	100.0%	838	868	103.6%	129 15.4%
Durham	41	41	100.0%	296	301	101.7%	24 8.1%
Ely	201	49	24.4%	1,117	346	31.0%	25 2.2%
Exeter	411	411	100.0%	2,543	2,573	101.2%	358 14.1%
Gloucester	191	166	86.9%	1,192	1,080	90.6%	125 10.5%
Guildford	71	31	43.7%	507	244	48.1%	7 1.4%
Hereford	196	62	31.6%	1,066	404	37.9%	18 1.7%
Leicester	198	198	100.0%	1,165	1,181	101.4%	156 13.4%
Lichfield	196	163	83.2%	1,261	1,087	86.2%	60 4.8%
Lincoln	340	340	100.0%	1,695	1,798	106.1%	269 15.9%
Liverpool	34	33	97.1%	261	260	99.6%	6 2.3%
London	98	55	56.1%	779	499	64.1%	37 4.7%
Manchester	53	53	100.0%	426	435	102.1%	1 0.2%
Newcastle	23	23	100.0%	163	175	107.4%	6 3.7%
Norwich	230	69	30.0%	1,297	482	37.2%	66 5.1%
Oxford	427	427	100.0%	2,630	2,843	108.1%	380 14.4%
Peterborough	270	268	99.3%	1,562	1,604	102.7%	154 9.9%
Portsmouth	47	39	83.0%	329	280	85.1%	33 10.0%
Ripon & Leeds	77	76	98.7%	447	460	102.9%	32 7.2%
Rochester	89	67	75.3%	611	475	77.7%	31 5.1%
Salisbury	303	292	96.4%	1,727	1,719	99.5%	292 16.9%
Sheffield	58	58	100.0%	346	360	104.0%	59 17.1%
Sodor & Man	2	2	100.0%	20	20	100.0%	0 0.0%
Southw'ld&Nottm	158	158	100.0%	942	970	103.0%	138 14.6%
Southwark	63	28	44.4%	462	245	53.0%	2 0.4%
St Albans	200	200	100.0%	1,303	1,340	102.8%	97 7.4%
St Eds & Ips	258	51	19.8%	1,515	369	24.4%	52 3.4%
Truro	168	167	99.4%	1,056	1,065	100.9%	47 4.5%
Wakefield	64	64	100.0%	465	477	102.6%	59 12.7%
Winchester	146	66	45.2%	865	465	53.8%	71 8.2%
Worcester	126	126	100.0%	837	882	105.4%	125 14.9%
York	163	163	100.0%	849	910	107.2%	118 13.9%
	6476	5331	82.3%	39746	34454	86.7%	4315 10.9%

Note 1: Bells = total of those within the rings

Note 2: Details = those with details but may include others such as sanctus and chiming bells

as at 16.3.07.

Ringing Centres Committee

The Founders Prize continues to be organised as before and in 2006 the sixth such prize was awarded. The Founders Prize for the Encouragement of Young People was awarded for the second time. Several enquiries about setting up new ringing centres have not yet borne fruit, but support for existing ringing centres has been strengthened. The Committee has been working with other Council Committees in the development of ideas for the proposed Ringing Foundation.

Founders Prize for Ringing Centres

The Founders Prize for the Ringing Centre which made the greatest contribution to the teaching of ringing in 2005 was awarded to Shiplake Ringing Centre. The £500 prize and a bronze plaque was presented by the Master of the Worshipful Company of Founders. The judges in this competition were Martin Bright, Gail Cater, Alan Frost, Norman Mattingley and Tony Smith. The other contenders were Aston Clinton, Barrow, Bradpole, Braunston, the Gordon Halls Centre at Eckington and the Troyte Centre at Bampton and Huntsham.

Founders Prize for the Encouragement of Young People in Ringing

The second winner of this prize was the *KIDS.RING.OUT* project from the Llandaff and Monmouth DA. This prize is also given by the Worshipful Company of Founders. There were also entries from Shiplake Ringing Centre, Tewkesbury Branch (Gloucester and Bristol DA) and Bishop Ramsey School, Ruislip. The judges in this competition were Andrew Gillett, Paul Hunter, Simon Linford, Norman Mattingley, Derek Sibson and Stephanie Warboys and again the prize was presented by the Master of the Worshipful Company of Founders. This competition is not specifically for ringing centres but for convenience is managed by the Ringing Centres Committee.

Working Party on Recruitment and Training

Roger Booth and Gail Cater have been involved, along with the Education and PR Committee, in the President's Working Group looking at recruitment and training. This has developed the proposal for a Ringing Foundation, details of which are reported elsewhere.

Support for Ringing Centres

During the year the Committee set up a stewardship scheme to support ringing centres. Each Committee member has contact with a number of the ringing centres to offer support and a point of contact. The Committee benefits from being more aware of what is happening at ringing centres. So far the scheme seems to be successful.

Ringing Centres Conference

The Ringing Centres Conference provides a useful opportunity for existing and prospective ringing centres to meet and discuss matters of mutual interest, and share ideas for 'best practice'. The conference planned for November

2006 was postponed until March 2007 because of difficulty in arranging speakers. The event has the theme 'Moving forward' and includes a number of presentations on current training issues, including working with young people.

Increasing the Network

The 2003 Ringing Centres Conference highlighted the need to develop the network of ringing centres so that they were more widely available. Eventually we would like to see a network of several hundred ringing centres. Since the completion of the £50,000 Founders Award scheme it has proved difficult to make significant progress. In the past year the Committee has been in communication with seven contacts who enquired about the possibility of setting up ringing centres, but so far none of these has progressed to Council recognition.

Learn2ring

In order to help increase the number of ringing centres, a meeting with Centre Managers held in October 2004 identified the need for the Committee to offer much more in the way of practical support. This would encourage more ringers to set up Ringing Centres. One idea, which was enthusiastically endorsed, was to develop a package of training material which made use of the internet. This would include material specifically written for use in a web browser, as well as video clips and video material on a series of DVD's. Material in this format would help make ringing 'cool' again for young people.

The material would be developed not just for use in Ringing Centres, but as the aim was to raise the profile of Ringing Centres, this training material would have widespread use. Much of the Council's current output for beginners is paper based and there would be significant implications, including an overlap with the work of several other committees. There would also be a need for external funding for website design and to help produce DVD's. A pilot DVD was produced in 2005 and discussions have since taken place with various committees, particularly the Education Committee, on how this project might proceed.

With the offer of external funding and the establishment of the President's working party on recruitment and training, it seemed sensible to place the project on hold pending the working party's report. The proposal to set up a Ringing Foundation would, if implemented, help provide a vehicle to raise the necessary funds to help develop this exciting package, provided that the various committees that need to be involved are in agreement.

GAIL CATER (*Chairman*)
CHRISTINE BALDOCK
ROGER BOOTH
ALAN FROST
NORMAN MATTINGLEY
BARRY PEACHEY
DAVID POPE
ERNIE RUNCIMAN

Ringling Trends Committee

It was agreed at the committee meeting held at the beginning of 2006 that a pilot scheme should be used to test the main questionnaire. Questionnaires were sent out early in the year and returned over a few months! At the committee meeting held in September the questionnaire was refined to reflect the comments made. Although there were one or two towers that felt that such questions as asking the ages of ringers in ten year age bands and how old ringers were when they learnt to ring were intrusive, in general the comments were positive and some very useful feedback was obtained.

Since then the pilot questionnaires have been analysed and the results are proving to be very interesting. There is on average 1.51 ringers per bell. In particular, the results from part of Surrey show that only 13% of ringers fall into the 20 to 40 age group and 75% of ringers are over the age of 40. Compare this to the sample survey of the whole country carried out 20 years ago when 50% of ringers were under 40 and 50% over 40. For those over 50, there are now slightly more male than female ringers, under 50 the reverse is true.

The analysis of occupations shows that by far the largest proportion of ringers say that they are retired or full time students (over

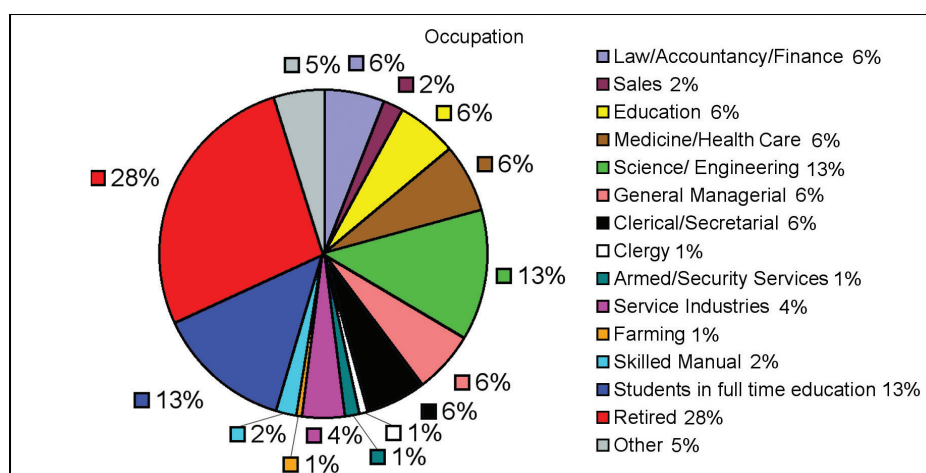
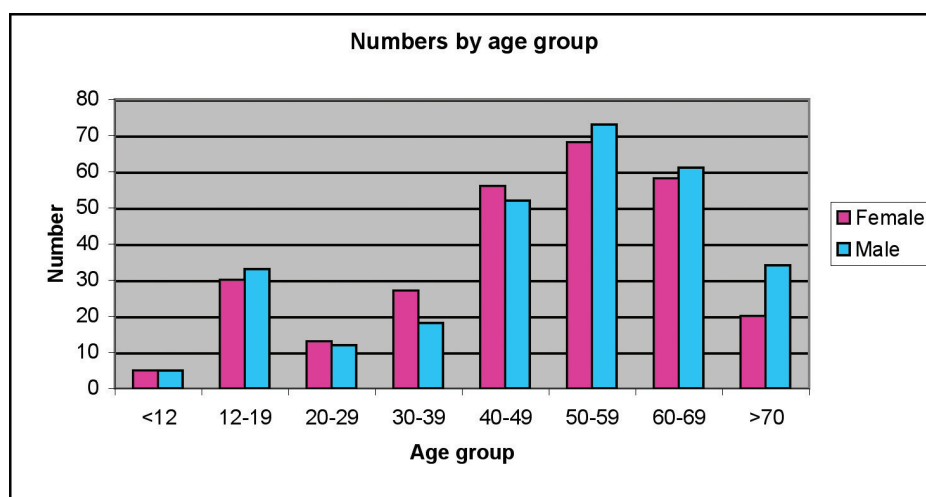
40%). Of those in paid work the largest single category (of 12 categories) identify themselves as working in science or engineering. The attached charts illustrate some of these initial findings, although it is stressed that this is very much interim data based on a small pilot sample.

A phased programme is planned to collect data from the United Kingdom and Ireland and then from the rest of the World. There are four phases and it is planned to complete the fourth phase by the end of 2008 with the intention of presenting a completed report in 2009. During this period it will also be decided whether any further data collection is necessary.

Where possible we are matching Societies with counties and Phase 1 questionnaires are being sent to Wiltshire and Dorset, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Cornwall, Durham, Tyne and Wear and Northumbria, Ireland, Kent, Northamptonshire and the West Midlands. Societies are being asked to help by providing a coordinator to assist with the data collection and inputting it into an Excel spreadsheet. Phase 2 is planned to start in June 2007 with Phase 3 following later in the year. Notice will be given in *The Ringing World* at the start of each phase.

Data from the 2005 Roadshow questionnaire will be presented at the Council meeting.

Two members of the committee have subsequently decided to stand down because



of other pressures so we will be looking for two new members for the committee at the Council meeting in May.

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Towers and Belfries Committee

The Committee met three times during the past year, twice at Evesham and once in Loughborough.

Our principal work has been inspections of towers and bell installations for PCCs, and giving advice on all aspects of bells and bellhanging. The Committee continues to pursue its aim of being an independent bridge between the professionals/trade and ringers, and to offer a wide range of expertise.

The Committee contributes a member to the Council's liaison group that meets twice-yearly with English Heritage and with the Council for the Care of Churches. A member also attended the inaugural liaison meeting with the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group in August.

Our tower monitoring equipment remains at the forefront of this type of measurement technology. Three towers have been monitored: St Michael's Cornhill, Sapcote and Halewood, in addition to the demonstration of the equipment at St Margaret's, Leicester, at the 2006 Council Meeting. The new-found ability to monitor movement in each wall simultaneously does, however, continue to demand some time for research and development. To this end Ludlow has once again been used as an excellent test bed, to eradicate some minor bugs in the equipment and to investigate more unusual modes of movement. The equipment and the experience of using and interpreting it have together reached the point where it can earn its keep and a queue for its services is beginning to form. Monitoring surveys undertaken by the Committee are free, except for payment of reasonable expenses and insurance cover, but in consideration of the large financial outlay that has been required to produce the equipment, we do invite towers to make any donation to the Council if they feel able.

The growing importance of the equipment was demonstrated by its use at Sapcote, where ringing had been curtailed due to increased movement of the weathercock following work to the spire that initially restored ringing. A professional company had been engaged by the church to undertake tests on the spire, but the results were inconclusive. The Committee was asked to check the movement with our monitoring equipment movement. Our measurement found the spire oscillated at a frequency below the measuring range of the professionals' equipment, hence their inconclusive results. Sapcote PCC demonstrated their gratitude with a significant donation to the Council for this service.

To meet demand for tower monitoring measurements, some further equipment kits are being produced. One of these will provide a second unit for the Committee. One is likely to be purchased commercially.

The advent of a new generation of radio telephone transmitter equipment and the requirements of the licences issued to install quickly is probably the reason for the recent rise in requests for advice from ringers in how to combat this invasion of their space. This is a situation that is generally at odds with the will of the PCC, which is looking at the benefits of installation in a different way. The Committee does publish advice on this aspect on the Council's web-site, and this focuses on the effects on an installation if this comes about. The situation normally starts well before this stage, however, where the ringers discover the PCC is minded to have such an installation, and are alarmed by and are against the proposal. The advice to ringers in such instances is to stay calm, and tell the PCC they are against the proposal, but that they wish to be part of the negotiating machinery in helping to achieve an installation which is non-damaging to the bell installation. By taking this action, rather than walking out en-masse, it is to be hoped the ringers will be judged by the PCC to be able to contribute to the proceedings. A cash-strapped PCC may find the radio transmitter income more useful than bells on Sunday. The installation at Rowley Regis, where the radio equipment is housed in a small building outside the base of the tower and is connected by cable to the aerial in the top of the tower, is cited as an achievable example of ringers, PCC and telephone company being completely happy.

Although the overall responsibility for co-ordinating Health & Safety issues for the Council's activities transferred to the new Tower Stewardship Committee after the 2006 Council Meeting, the Towers & Belfries Committee does still receive and consider H&S issues that are specific to towers and belfries. We pass on our deliberations to the TSC.

A request to inspect the perceived vagaries of the bellframe at St Andrew's Cathedral at Sydney was undertaken by a member while on holiday there. This led to an eventual report that included 'round-table' advice in Committee. Its recommendations were such a close match with a report sourced locally that it promptly caused the cathedral authorities to award the ringers A\$50,000 (£20,000) to undertake the work!

The Committee continues a willingness to run courses on belfry maintenance. Only one was requested in 2006, but two in 2007.

The Committee's web-site continues to display useful data and documents. This includes the annually updated Ringable/Unringable Towers table, which is our contribution to the Ringing Trends Committee's monitoring work.

In April Arnold Smith leaves these shores to live with his daughter in New Zealand. We thank him for his time with the Committee and wish him well for the future. He takes with him a first-hand knowledge of our operation and an understanding of the tower monitoring technique, so we expect our 'trade' in that part of the world to increase!

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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.

Tower Stewardship Committee

This is the first report of this Committee to Council. We comment on work carried out so far and planned for the next year.

Work to date

It has been increasingly obvious in recent years that bell ringers cannot exist “in isolation”. There are a number of external factors that now impinge on the activities of ringers. As such we must be aware of these factors, able to effectively communicate with the relevant authorities and able to manage these factors to the benefit of ringers.

The Tower Stewardship Committee, as well as having met twice in Birmingham in the past year, has had an ongoing dialogue between members electronically. The committee has already identified a number of areas that require its attention:

- Child Protection
- Church Law
- Health and Safety
- Fire Assessment and Protection
- Tower management generally
- Insurance



The committee is collating and assembling information relating to the above issues, some of which have been subject to recent discussion in *The Ringing World*. It is the aim of the committee to disseminate this information to all towers in the country as a set of leaflets in a pack, via the territorial societies affiliated to the Central Council, as well as putting them on the Council's website. We have near-final drafts of these leaflets and at present are looking at seeking sponsorship to help with the production and distribution costs. We have decided to use leaflets and the internet to distribute the information for ease of updating. We have surveyed affiliated societies and found that most respondents asked if updates could be made available via the Council's website.

Senior members of the Council, together with representatives of this committee and the Towers and Belfries Committee, held a liaison meeting with Ecclesiastical Insurance. A full report of this meeting has been published in *The Ringing World*. One of the major items that came out of this discussion, and has been recently highlighted by a number of letters to *The Ringing World*, is the need for ringers to



have full and proper lines of communications to the authorities who own and are responsible for the church buildings and the rings of bells, i.e. in most cases, incumbents, Churchwardens and PCCs. We cannot afford to hope that any request from the authorities (such as for CRB checks to be carried out) will just “go-away”, and it is in ringers' own interests to co-operate.

Future work

The committee is now working on obtaining funding for, finalising and distributing the leaflets. At this point we will review both any further work immediately needed and whether or not to recommend to Council in 2008 that the Committee should continue. We are currently of the view that the leaflets will need review and updating in the light of any comments received, but we are not yet convinced of the need for the Committee to exist permanently. It is clear that there will be a need for permanent liaison with Ecclesiastical Insurance, and possibly other bodies, but there are other ways this could be achieved.

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Bell Restoration Committee

The Committee met three times in 2006; twice in London – in February and October – and at Leicester during the Central Council weekend.

We started the year with one vacancy on the Committee, which was not filled at the 2006 Council, and during the year our number dropped to eight, following the resignation of Andrew Gordon due to pressure of other commitments. There is no doubt that this depletion in our resources has restricted the scope of the work we have been able to undertake.

Nevertheless we were pleased to be invited to compile the 2007 *Ringing World* Calendar

which features towers supported by the Bell Restoration Committee and the Keltek Trust. Putting the calendar together required a significant input from three of our members and we feel that the finished product does justice to their hard work. We must also thank the many contributors who provided words and pictures.

As forecast in last year's report to Council, the new edition of *Organising a Bell Restoration Project* was on sale during the Council weekend in Leicester and a copy is included in the fund-raising pack which is sent to all parishes who seek advice about fund-raising for a new project.

We are hoping to be able to fill our two vacancies at this year's Council and would particularly welcome new members with time, enthusiasm and relevant experience.

Provision of Information and Advice

In March 2006 guidelines on the new rules for Gift Aid and Tower Open Days were written and published on the Council's website and in *The Ringing World*.

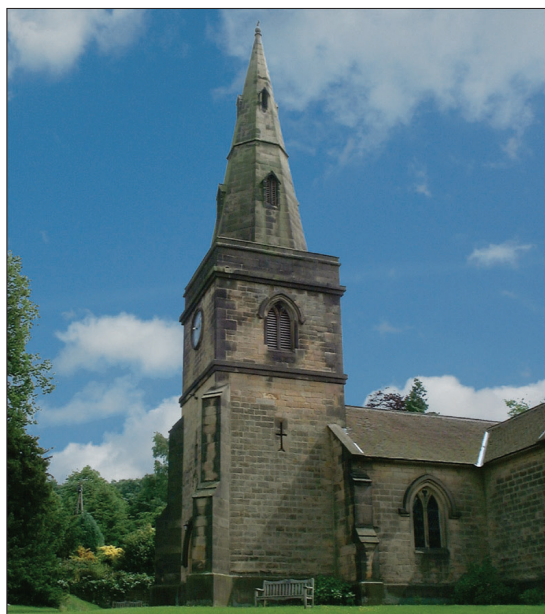

We continue to receive a steady stream of enquiries from parishes either involved in or contemplating bell restoration work. In all sixty-seven separate parishes or projects contacted the Committee during the year. Forty-one groups or individuals were in contact with us seeking advice and assistance with fundraising. Thirty of these were ‘first-time’ enquiries – fewer than in 2005 – from 19 counties in England, one in Wales and one in Ireland. We received thirty FunderFinder enquiries and made searches on behalf of seventeen projects.

In order to be able to offer advice that is as up to date as possible we devised a Feedback form that was sent to parishes soon after they had completed their projects seeking information on grants they had been successful, or unsuccessful, in obtaining. The response from parishes has been excellent and we are hoping to be able to build up a useful picture of where bell restoration funding is really coming from.

Organising a Bell Restoration Project





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Administration of Funds

The Committee assists the Manifold Trust by the provision of administrative support. The Trust offered seven grants totalling £29,500 during the year.

Sadly, the Trust has advised us that, after the amounts it has currently set aside for grants have been allocated, no further grants can be made. For many years the Trust has made grants in excess of its income believing that it is better to meet the present need of other charities than to reserve money for the future. Over a period of some 25 years the Trust has granted over £600,000 to bell restoration. We are extremely grateful for the wonderful support that the Trust has given to the restoration of very many unringable rings of bells.

There was not enough money in the Central Council Bell Fund to permit us to invite grant applications during the year.

In accordance with the terms of the Fund, the Fred E. Dukes International Bell Fund offered the following grants:

South Africa: Fourways Gardens, Johannesburg – £421; Greyville, Durban – £500; North America: Rochester, NY – £2,750.

Future Work

We will continue to review the contents of the booklet *Organising a Bell Restoration Project*, particularly the Appendices, and will update and re-issue as and when needed. We will also review our work on the advisability or otherwise of registering entire guilds as charities in the light of changes to taxation effective from April 2006.

It is still our intention to explore the possibilities of seeking practical advice from professional fundraisers but work on this is not proceeding as fast as we had hoped – mainly due to our current lack of human resources.

Committee Members

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Biographies Committee

The Committee met twice during the year: on July 9th at Ledbury and on October 15th in Derby. It is pleasing to report that very nearly all of Tom Lock's hand-written notes have been put on disc. It is less pleasing to note that very few Council members and former members have taken advantage of the opportunity to down-load forms from the Council web site and to submit completed forms. It is seriously disappointing that some very prominent Council members have never taken the trouble to complete a form; conversely some members have taken a great deal of trouble to provide very complete details of their ringing careers – our grateful thanks are due to them.

A few statistics might indicate the size of the problem faced by the Committee.

There are 454 past members still living. Of these 111 have completed a biography form this century.

236 have completed a form in the 1900s.

107 have never completed a form.

There are 237 current Council members.

Of these, 152 have completed a form this century,

50 completed a form in the 1900s and

35 have never completed a form.

Members of the Committee have written many letters and sent even more emails during the course of the past year inviting Council members to complete forms. When a member or former member dies, then it is expected that details of that person will be read out at the Council meeting and published in *The Ringing World*. If the deceased member has never completed a form, then it can be extremely difficult, not to mention time consuming and expensive, to try to find out, for example, what the initials in that person's name stood for.

The writing out of present and former deceased Council members' records is a continuing task.

The following former member died during 2005 but his death has not been previously notified to the Council:

David Stanley Johnson, Yorkshire Association, 1969 - 1971, attended 3 meetings, died 16th August 2005

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

William Alexander Patterson, Irish Association, 1979 - 1988, attended 9 meetings, died 7th January 2006

Eric Edmondson, Hertford County Association, 1954 - 1959, attended 5 meetings, died 25th January 2006

George William Critchley, Hertford County Association, 1957 - 1965, Middlesex County Association & London Diocesan Guild, 1966 - 1971, attended 14 meetings, died 23rd February 2006

Denis Mottershead, Chester Diocesan Guild, 1969 - 1974, attended 4 meetings, died 28th February 2006

Michael Jack Pryor, Llandaff & Monmouth Diocesan Association, 1972 - 1977, attended 6 meetings, died 30th March 2006

Ewart Harold Edge, North Staffordshire Association, 1960 - 1965, attended 1 meeting, died 19th April 2006

Nicholas John Davies, Kent County Association, 1996 - 2001, attended 6 meetings, died 20th May 2006

The death of the following former member has also not been previously reported:

Amos Fred Bogan, Irish Association, 1966 - 1968, 1986 - 1989, attended 3 meetings, died 20th March 2006

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

John William Charles Blythe, Suffolk Association, 1957 - 1965, attended 5 meetings, died 27th July 2006

John Edgar Spice, Oxford University Society, 1945 - 1947, 1960 - 1962, attended 5 meetings, died 26th August 2006

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

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

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

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

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

Mrs Kate Flavell

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E-Mail: pakf@kingsave32.freemove.co.uk

Brian Geoffrey Warwick, Leicester Diocesan Guild, 1960 - 1980, 1987 to date, attended 41 meetings, died 5th November 2006

Wilfrid Farrington Moreton, Hereford Diocesan Guild, 1947 - 1959, Honorary member 1961 - 1962, Yorkshire Association, 1963 - 1988, Life member 1989 to date, attended 52 meetings, died 13th November 2006

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Education Committee

The committee met three times at Wellesbourne. There are eleven members for twelve places.

Courses – The committee delivered three courses (two on listening and one on bell handling). We are reviewing the content of our main course on teaching and tower management. We are also seeking to stimulate demand for this, which has reduced in recent years. We are in discussion with the North American Guild about how to transfer the course for local delivery. Simon Linford set up a scheme to provide long term mentoring for people wishing to develop conducting skills, with mentors and students interacting by e-mail. Analysis of feedback from the initial batch of students is generally positive.

Publications and resources – No new publications were completed during 2006, but work progressed on *The New Ringer's Book*, pilot copies of which should be in use by mid 2007. A new book by Pip Penney, *Teaching Unravelling*, draws on the results of research into how people learn, and applies it to ringing. It will be published in 2007. Pip Penney and Heather Peachey made progress with the 'Tower Captain's Resource', a collection of practical resources to help tower captains run varied, stimulating and effective practices.

Simulator – Loan of the simulator continues, but at a low level. The simulator may be borrowed for evaluation, or for training courses, by contacting Heather Peachey.

Network for Ringing Training (NRT) – Membership is approaching 500, with the discussion list used by about 60% of members. Indexed summaries are made available to members by e-mail (or post for members without e-mail). Our thanks go to Alison Barnett, who has produced most of the summaries over the past five years. We are seeking someone to compile future summaries. Thanks also to Richard Barnett who provided web and bulk e-mail services for NRT. We are in discussion with the ICT committee about hosting these services on a Council server.

Framework for Training Ringers – The Framework was revised in response to feedback from pilot users, and presented at the Open Meeting at Leicester. It is available for download from the committee website. Affiliated societies have been asked to promote it.

Ringling Foundation – The committee played an active part in the cross-committee working group that led to the proposal for a Ringling Foundation.

Future plans – The committee's vision is to take forward the state of the art in ringing education and to help spread best practice to member societies and individuals by whatever means is most effective.

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Information and Communications Technology Committee

The major new work undertaken by members of this Committee has been to identify and prepare a more flexible and cost-effective website server. This will provide the space and facilities not only for the Council website but also for hosting other ringing websites whose continuity is important to the Exercise.

The new server is already hosting the Ringling Centres Committee's Learn2Ring website and John Ketteringham's Bell Recordings website, and discussions are under way with the Library Committee among others. The transfer of the main Council site is planned for Spring 2007 and additional application support for the NRT is under discussion with the Education Committee.

In addition we have helped Andrew Craddock take over hosting of the Felstead data base by writing some software to tidy up inconsistencies in the data and also the production of some forwarding pointers from the old site.

We continue to maintain most of the main Council website adding new content as required. Significant assistance has been given to the Lincoln Diocesan Guild in the design and implementation of their new website. Some of the experience gained from this exercise is already being applied to the Bell Recordings website and may in due course assist the future growth of the Council website.

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Library Committee

The Council Library is the major guardian of the written and to some extent oral history of ringing. Over the years it has gathered together the largest collection of change ringing historical texts in the world, better than the British Library or the Cambridge University Collection. The vast majority of these are in the form of books and other paper based items. The library is of course based in a building at a fixed location and to that extent is limited in the way in which these can be consulted. It has a complete run of bound volumes of *Bell News*, a predecessor of *The Ringling World*, which was published between 1881 and 1915 and which occupies several metres of shelf space. Hitherto consulting these required in most cases a long journey to the Library and searching through heavy volumes of the publication or else asking the librarian to undertake searches for enquirers. This will soon change. Every page of *Bell News*, including advertisements and notices will shortly be available on a DVD and perhaps by the time this report is published will be accessible via a comprehensive index, originally compiled by Cyril Wratten and prepared by Alan Ellis, also available on the DVD. During the past year committee members led by Paul Johnson have continued carrying out a thorough check for errors, inconsistencies, missing pages and appearance as well as cross checking indexed items that were ambiguous, as some page numbers occurred twice in many of the volumes among 27,147 of scanned pages. This has been hard, time consuming and often mind-numbing work. Inevitably and as expected many errors were discovered and corrected and also there were 152 missing pages from the original scans along with 218 pages which were of poor quality and merited re-scanning. Even so it is inevitable that "perfect" scans were not possible because of the poor quality of the original printing and the fact that the scans were carried out on bound volumes which could not be laid flat on the scanner.

Inevitably the *Bell News* project has consumed much of Committee Members' time. Nevertheless work is being carried out on the conversion of the Obituary Index into a fully searchable index which will be brought up to date with references from *The Ringling World* over recent years and will also include entries from *The Bellringer* and *Campanology*. Work has also continued on 18th Century newspaper extracts.

As in previous years the Newsletter for The Friends of the Central Council Library has been prepared by John Eisel. These Newsletters have always been favourably received by "The Friends" over the years. In addition Dr Eisel has found time to list those Library items that have been added to the printed books section since the publication of the library catalogue in 2002. This amounts to 30 pages, compared to the original catalogue of 168 pages, illustrating the increased activity of the Library in recent years. It has also been a busy year for Library accessions with 99 new items received and catalogued and security marked.

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Methods Committee

The Methods Committee held two meetings during the year, in Normandy (Surrey) on 12th March and in the City of London on 29th March.

The definitive method collections on the Committee's website (www.methods.org.uk) continue to be updated on a weekly basis. We are grateful to Julian Morgan for enhancing the independent checks that he regularly runs to include the summary tenors-together falseness which was added to the collections last year.

A Supplement to *Rung Surprise, Delight, Treble Bob and Alliance methods* covering the methods rung during 2005 was available at the Council meeting and we will be preparing a further Supplement covering the methods rung during 2006.

A document explaining the aims, objectives and high-level structure of the proposed XML specification, for exchanging method information between computer applications, is in preparation and will be made available with, what we hope will be, the final draft of the specification. Work has continued on the new edition of the *Collection of Doubles Methods* and we also hope that this will soon be complete.

At the invitation of the Ringing World Office we proposed changes to the Minor, Royal and Maximus methods in *The Ringing World Diary 2007*. By using a mixture of diagram formats we were able to include more methods. A favourable review by A. J. Barnfield was published in *The Ringing World* (p.1065) and we intend to propose changes to the Major methods for next year's Diary.

As usual, we have answered many enquiries about methods, method names and method extension.

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Peal Compositions Committee

The committee currently holds no face to face meetings, but is in regular electronic contact via email.

The committee continues to produce regular pages of compositions for publication in *The Ringing World*. Selecting (and, at times, soliciting) suitable compositions has resulted in pages which have covered a wide range of methods and complexity as well as special themes, e.g. Queen's 80th birthday. Pages have been published at a healthy rate of approximately one per month.

In addition this year we have begun to produce Quarter Peal pages in response to requests from several parties. These have been generally well received and will continue to appear on an occasional basis.

The committee also continues work on several new print collections. The Stedman Caters and Cinques collection and Handbell collection are nearing completion. Work on a new Spliced Minor Collection continues with the aim of bringing together old and new material in one volume.

The on-line collection currently contains over 7,000 peal compositions, and continues to be frequently consulted by a wide variety of users. It can be visited through the committee's web page at

<http://www.cccbr.org.uk/pcc>
 or directly by pointing a browser at
<http://www.ringing.org/peals>

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Peals Analysis Committee

We have recorded a total of 4994 peals rung in 2006 and published in *The Ringing World*, of which 4345 were on tower bells and 649 on handbells. The revised total for 2005 was 4926 – making a small net increase of 68. The increase was due to an increase of 74 in the number of handbell peals compared to 2005. The number of tower bell peals has not changed significantly. Full details are included in the methods table that accompanies this report. The Oxford Diocesan Guild remains the leading society with 419 peals, followed by the Yorkshire Association with 322. Please see the separate table for details of peals rung for individual societies.

The Committee met once, in February in Abingdon, to finalise records for 2006, to agree the format of the report and to discuss other issues. We have continued to be supported in our work by The Ringing World Ltd and we are most grateful to their staff, and especially to Bill Hibbert of the Ringing World board, for their various work in collating, editing and correcting the current peal data for *The Ringing World* and peals.co.uk, with which we cross check our data. We thank also those Society Peal Secretaries who have helped by comparing their figures with our own.

Peals not complying with the Decisions on Peal Ringing

In accordance with the amendment to the Council's Decisions made in 2002 we have identified those performances published in *The Ringing World* as peals but that do not comply with Decision D (Parts A-D) relating to peal ringing. There was one such peal in 2006, plus a further performance of 5000 changes published as a "Miscellaneous performance". Neither has been included in our statistical analysis. The details are:

Surrey A, Colliers Wood 8.4.2006, 5000 Grandsire Doubles (RW 30.6.2006, p625). Does not comply with Decision B (2)

Bamboo Enthusiasts Society, Frensham 27.6.2006, 5040 Plain Bob Minor (RW 14.7.2006, p668). Rung on Anklungs, a bamboo musical instrument, rather than on bells. There is an implicit expectation in the Decisions that peals shall be rung on bells so that, for example, peals tapped on handbells or performed on a piano would not be included in the analysis.

We thank the Chairman of the Methods Committee for his continuing assistance to us in identifying such peals. A letter from the Chairman of the Methods Committee appears elsewhere commenting on corrections necessary for peals of Doubles to conform to reporting rules. All have been included in the Analysis.

Methods and change on year

The accompanying table incorporates a summary of the more popular methods with an analysis of the year on year change in the numbers of peals rung on each number of bells. 'Single Surprise' means the total rung in single Surprise methods other than those listed specifically; there are no methods in this category rung 20 or more times. An 'Other' category is included for completeness.

Towers

The following 76 towers had 10 or more peals in 2006: (69 in 2005)

- 71 Meldreth
- 42 Thorverton
- 39 Shoreditch
- 36 Oxford (St Thomas)
- 35 Loughborough (Bell Foundry)
- 33 Thatcham
- 32 Belper (St Peter), Huntsham
- 30 Burnley, Milton (Oxon), Sproxtton
- 28 East Ilsley
- 27 Rotherham (All Saints)
- 26 Bishopstoke, Saltby
- 25 Northallerton, Oxford (St Mary Magdalen)
- 23 Marston Bigot (Pig-le-Tower)
- 21 Birmingham (St Paul)
- 20 Crimplesham, Grundisburgh, Keele (Woodlands)
- 18 Birmingham Cathedral, Exeter (Pinhoe), Isleworth
- 17 Burton Latimer, Trumpington, Hanbury (Worcs), Maidstone (All Saints), Stratton St Margaret, Stubbington (Narnia Campanile), Terling, Wandsworth (Holy Trinity), York (St Laurence)
- 16 Burghill, Leicester (St Mary-de-Castro), Moulton (N'hants), Sheffield (Dore)
- 15 Amersham, South Croydon, Walkden, Willingham (Millcroft Campanile), Windsor (St John)
- 14 Barton Seagrave, Birmingham (St Martin), Bushey, London (Spitalfields), Reading (St Laurence)
- 13 Bristol (St Stephen), Lundy Island, Maidstone (St Michael), Southampton (Bitterne Park), Willesden
- 12 Birstwith, Bishopsteignton (Bishops Ting Tong), Farnworth and Kearsley, London (St Mary-le-Bow), Shepton Beauchamp
- 11 Aldeburgh, Cawthorne, East Huntspill (Little Orchard Tower), Leeds (R.C.Cath), London (Cripplegate), Middleton (Gtr Man), Monewden,

Analysis of Peals by method and change on year

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	TOWER			HAND			2006	2005	plus/minus	2006	2005	plus/minus
<i>Sixteen</i>	3	7	-4	2	0	2						
<i>Septuples/Sixteen</i>	0	2	-2	0	0	0						
<i>Septuples</i>	4	3	1	0	0	0						
<i>Fourteen</i>	3	1	2	1	1	0						
<i>Sextuples/Fourteen</i>	0	1	-1	0	0	0						
<i>Sextuples</i>	2	2	0	0	0	0						
<i>Maximus</i>												
Single Surprise	37	46		16	13							
Bristol Surprise	56	59		5	5							
Cambridge Surprise	46	50		5	7							
Yorkshire Surprise	49	51		3	3							
Other Spliced	21	19		3	1							
Spliced Surprise	18	9		3	2							
Other	10	14		7	5							
Maximus Total	237	248	-11	42	36	6						
<i>Cinques/Maximus</i>	9	2	7	0	0	0						
<i>Cinques</i>												
Stedman	90	92		8	10							
Grandsire	16	7		3	0							
Other	2	1		0	0							
Cinques Total	108	100	8	11	10	1						
<i>Royal</i>												
Single Surprise	141	141		17	12							
Cambridge Surprise	83	101		8	12							
Yorkshire Surprise	87	84		13	9							
London No 3 Surprise	78	80		3	5							
Bristol Surprise	86	80		1	1							
Spliced Surprise	61	51		5	11							
Single Delight	37	32		3	0							
Kent/Oxford	1	0		30	31							
Lincolnshire Surprise	18	23		2	5							
Plain Bob	9	7		21	12							
Other	11	11		1	1							
Royal Total	612	610	2	104	99	5						
<i>Caters/Royal</i>	3	3	0	0	0	0						
<i>Caters</i>												
Stedman	71	93		5	7							
Grandsire	67	70		11	7							
Other	10	4		2	1							
Caters Total	148	167	-19	18	15	3						
<i>Major</i>												
Single Surprise	632	642								4	13	
Spliced Surprise	331	322								35	25	
Yorkshire Surprise	191	221								25	23	
Bristol Surprise	197	164								24	11	
Cambridge Surprise	90	114								8	9	
Plain Bob	70	59								52	61	
Single Delight	99	93								0	0	
London Surprise	76	79								5	8	
Lincolnshire Surprise	53	70								7	10	
Superlative Surprise	50	65								9	6	
Rutland Surprise	76	68								9	1	
Kent/Oxford	9	1								58	44	
Double Norwich	41	40								1	3	
Lessness Surprise	26	16								0	1	
Pudsey Surprise	18	23								6	2	
Cornwall Surprise	22	14								1	1	
Glasgow Surprise	20	22								1	1	
Single Alliance	17	21								0	0	
Other	22	18								7	2	
Major Total	2040	2052	-12							252	221	31
<i>Triples/Major</i>	1	2	-1							0	0	0
<i>Triples</i>												
Stedman	117	100								15	11	
Grandsire	80	84								3	2	
Plain Bob	20	15								0	1	
Other	9	11								0	0	
Triples Total	226	210	16							18	14	4
<i>Minor</i>												
7 methods	389	352								37	26	
8+ methods	167	169								69	108	
2-6 methods	114	110								46	21	
Plain Bob	42	54								29	15	
Cambridge Surprise	59	64								5	1	
Single Surprise	9	16								1	3	
Single Delight	3	6								3	0	
Other	7	5								10	3	
Minor Total	790	776	14							200	177	23
<i>Doubles/Minor</i>	3	2	1							0	2	-2
<i>Doubles</i>												
2+ methods	118	116								0	0	
Grandsire	17	17								1	0	
Stedman	10	15								0	0	
Plain Bob	2	7								0	0	
Other	3	2								0	0	
Doubles Total	150	157	-7							1	0	1
<i>Minimus/Doubles</i>	1	0	1							-	-	
<i>Minimus</i>	5	6	-1							-	-	
TOTAL	4345	4351	-6							649	575	74
GRAND TOTAL										4994	4926	68

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Newcastle upon Tyne (St John), Pershore (Parish Centre), Pontefract (All Saints)
 10 Exeter (St Mark), Harrogate (St Wilfrid), Heywood, Newcastle Cathedral, Rothwell (N'hants), Whitley Bay, Withycombe Raleigh, Worsley

First pealers and firsts as conductor

There were 166 first pealers in 2006 (185 in 2005) and 33 firsts as conductor (19 in 2005). We congratulate all those involved in these performances, particularly where several firsts were included in one peal. It is encouraging that the numbers conducting their first peal have increased significantly. Nevertheless, the numbers of first pealers are the lowest for several years.

Corrections to the 2005 Analysis

There are a number of alterations to the 2005 Analysis as detailed below, some caused by late submission and others by peals not being accepted by Societies.

Corrections relate to tower bells except where specified.

A.S.C.Y. Minor (h'bells) +9; Major +1
 Bedfordshire A Major +1
 Cambridge University Minor (h'bells) +1
 Chester D.G. Doubles +1
 S.R.C.Y. Royal +1
 Guild of Devonshire Ringers Royal -1
 Ely D.A. Triples -1
 Gloucester & Bristol D.A. Royal (h'bells) +2

Hertford C.A. Major -1
 Lancashire A. Major -3
 Suffolk G. Minor (h'bells) -2
 Worcester & Districts A. Royal (h'bells) -2
 Non-Affiliated Minor (h'bells) +1; Maximus +1
 Non-Association Minor (h'bells) +1; Triples +1; Major +3

In addition, as reported at the 2005 Council meeting, the table of peals by Society contained 11 peals of Royal and 1 peal of Maximus in hand attributed to the London County Association which should have appeared for the Middlesex CA & London DG.

2006	TOWER																				HAND																
Society	4	4/5	5	5/6	6	7	7/8	8	9	9/10	10	11	12	12/13	13	14	14/15	15	16	16	Tower Total	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	16	Hand Total	Society Total				
Ancient Society of College Youths	0	0	0	0	17	9	0	84	16	1	46	31	8	60	1	0	0	3		2	278	0	10	1	3	1	2	4	0	0	0	21	299				
A N Z A B	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	15	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24				
Bath & Wells	0	0	1	0	20	8	0	74	5	0	16	1	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	134	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	134				
Bedfordshire	0	0	0	0	6	2	0	14	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25				
Beverley & District	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	12	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21				
Birmingham University	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2					
Cambridge University	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	6	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	23					
Carlisle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Chester	0	0	0	0	13	3	0	20	2	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	31	0	43	0	31	0	1	0	0	106	151					
Coventry	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	18	0	26	1	3	0	0	0	0	48	76					
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths	0	0	1	0	30	0	0	147	3	0	56	4	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	264	0	9	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	276				
Derby	1	0	0	0	9	2	0	36	6	0	7	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	8	73					
Devon Assn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
G of Devonshire Ringers	0	0	0	0	44	8	0	77	7	0	21	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	177	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	182					
Dorset	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	13	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20				
Durham & Newcastle	0	0	0	0	10	2	0	41	2	0	11	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	71	0	0	0	4	0	6	0	0	0	0	10	81					
Durham University	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3					
East Derbyshire & West Notts.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
East Grinstead & District	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1					
Ely	0	0	24	0	45	10	0	82	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	162	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	166					
Essex	0	0	0	0	38	4	0	46	3	0	9	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	103	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	103				
Gloucester & Bristol	0	0	4	0	25	11	0	94	3	0	9	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	156	0	4	0	12	0	1	0	0	0	0	17	173					
Guildford	0	0	0	0	7	5	0	40	2	0	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	61	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	65					
Hereford	0	0	21	0	18	5	0	45	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	93	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	95					
Hertford	0	0	4	0	23	5	0	31	3	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	25	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	100					
Irish	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7					
Kent	0	0	0	0	12	7	0	54	2	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	99					
Ladies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Lancashire	1	0	7	0	15	3	0	94	2	0	56	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	179	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	180					
Leeds University	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Leicester	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	22	0	0	23	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	56	0	5	0	4	3	7	1	2	0	0	22	78					
Lichfield & Walsall	0	0	2	0	14	4	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	11	39					
Lincoln	0	0	4	0	45	1	0	19	0	0	3	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	76	0	21	0	21	4	7	5	4	0	0	62	138					
Liverpool Universities	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4					
Llandaff & Monmouth	0	0	5	0	9	3	0	13	4	0	3	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	43					
London County	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14					
Middlesex & London	0	0	1	2	2	2	0	23	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	4	1	41	0	4	0	0	0	0	50	86					
National Police	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3					
North American	0	0	0	1	4	4	0	13	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	5	0	13	0	2	0	0	0	0	20	45					
North Staffordshire	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	14	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26					
North Wales	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4					
Norwich	0	0	2	0	20	2	0	15	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42				
Oxford Diocesan	0	0	11	0	100	8	0	170	4	0	35	5	0	13	0	0	1	0	0	347	0	1	0	14	3	25	0	27	1	1	72	419					
Oxford Society	0	0	0	0	1	10	0	17	9	0	27	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66					
Oxford University	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	7	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1						

The amended methods analysis for 2005 is shown in the 2006 methods table, which forms part of this report.

Revised totals for 2005 are: tower bells 4351, handbells 575, total 4926.

Details of the adjustments are available from the Chairman.

The Felstead Project

The Felstead database was moved on to a new server and is now maintained by Andrew Craddock. He has brought the backlog of peals up to date and is inputting new peals from data received from *The Ringing World*. Corrections to peal records continue to be received on a regular basis. For pre-1990 peals these are still made to the original files that were derived from photocopies of the Felstead cards. It is intended that soon all corrections will be made directly to the online database. At that point a decision will need to be made on whether to freeze and/or archive the original Felstead files.

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Public Relations Committee

The committee has met four times during the year and conducts very regular discussion by email.

An announcement has been made that the **next Ringing Roadshow** will be held at Stoneleigh Park Exhibition and Conference Centre, Warwickshire and will be a two day event on **5th and 6th September 2008**. It has been decided to retain the name 'Roadshow'. The organising team is led by John Anderson of the St Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham and a past-President of the Council. It is planned that the style of the Roadshow will be changed to incorporate a range of new events to attract the general public as well as ringers from around the world. There will be a bellringers' party on the Friday evening, and hotel accommodation is available at Stoneleigh as well as a range of bed and breakfast and hostel information available locally. Pictures of the Showground are provided, and for further information about the venue visit www.stoneleighpark.com. Work is in hand to extend the email network of public relations contacts around the country as well as the rest of the bellringing world so that publicity for the 2008 Roadshow will reach



Stoneleigh Park Showground – the site for the next Ringing Roadshow which will be on 5th and 6th September 2008

every belfry. To join this network please contact the Committee Chairman.

On 6th January 2007 representatives from all ringing societies operating within the M25 were invited to a presentation about making a case for ringing to be a part of the **2012 London Olympics** (see photo). Tim Joiner, immediate past Lord Mayor of Westminster, has acted as a consultant to the committee in making this presentation and this work is acknowledged with thanks. The discussion is continuing through a Yahoo discussion group and is revolving around a concentrated recruitment drive so that the case can be argued that the Olympics coming to London has led to a big upsurge of interest in ringing and therefore that ringing should be repre-

sented at the Opening Ceremony as well as in advertising material and in the media. To join this Yahoo group email alan@chantler.net. A small working group from the Middlesex C.A. & London D.G., the Essex Association and Docklands Ringing Centre has been formed to develop these ideas and a further meeting of representatives of all London societies is planned for summer 2007. Once plans are in place for London ringing, then work will develop into promoting this in other areas of the country where Olympic events will take place.

Building on the success of the 2005 Workshop, a second Public Relations Workshop was held in Melbourne, Derbyshire in October 2006. Guest speaker Viscount Raynham showed



Stoneleigh Park Showground – an exhibition taking place

the BBC2 film 'A Passion for Churches' and gave a presentation about spearheading the East Raynham bells project. Achieving publicity for ringing in the media was discussed and participants also had the opportunity to share experiences and ideas.

The BBC4 TV series 'Marcus Brigstocke's Trophy People' opened with an episode about bellringing. It followed the Masters of the ASCY and Birmingham bands as they prepared for and rang at the National 12 Bell Striking Contest at Worcester Cathedral. In February BBC Radio 3 featured the ringing at Crowland Abbey in an episode of 'Music Matters' which explored Lincolnshire traditions. Much other media coverage has taken place during the year at the initiative of local ringers. Of particular note are the Essex Association's peal for the 60th anniversary of BBC Radio 4's 'Woman's Hour' and the Southwark Cathedral band's appearance in the *Queen's Speech* (produced by ITN) on Christmas day.

Over the year the committee has collated up-to-date information on university societies for www.cccbr.org.uk. This has also been



Tim Joiner describes how to achieve publicity for ringing around the Olympics

published in *The Ringing World* and on www.ringing.info/. It is now considered to be easily accessible. The information is under review to ensure it remains current. Updates and information should be sent to prUniInfo@cccbr.org.uk. Articles were produced promoting student ringing in *The Ringing World* during the summer of 2006 (and more are planned for 2007) and contact has been made with the Northern and Southern University Associations asking about further help and support which may be required.

Reports from all groups of change ringers **beyond the UK** have been sought and the following received:

Geldrop Association. 'We have had a change-ringing Guild here in Geldrop for 30 years. We ring the changes on 'chiming bells' that is to say the largest bells of the carillon in the St. Brigida church in Geldrop. We have developed a 'Dutch' way of ringing the changes which requires following a schema board. We have no 'full circle' bells so have devised a way to learn and ring methods on our 8 bells. We can ring many 'major' methods now and have had many favourable compliments from other ringing groups who

have visited us over the years from the UK. Last October we celebrated our 30th jubilee with a visit from George Dawson and Co. with the Willoughby Campanile. We could then ring full-circle with them, which is wonderful. We have a 'dumb-bell' in our tower to practice on. It was a wonderful party with many visitors from other Guilds in Holland and the general public and local friends. The local council of Geldrop-Mierlo financed the occasion and we had very good press coverage. We have many bell-ringers in Holland who follow their own traditions of ringing 'tolling bells'. We have had many successful meetings together and the following National Bell-ringers Day is planned for the 12th May, 2007 in Brielle in the S.W. of Holland. Our website is at www.dse.nl/wisselluiders

Irish Association. 'One of the highlights of the year was in March when the bells of St. Fachtna's Cathedral at Rosscarbery in West Cork were rededicated. These 5 bells are a joy to ring and the event was well attended by ringers from all over Ireland and also from the U.K. A group of our ringers joined up with the Italian Association on their summer outing to Rome in June. Over 300 ringers and friends from Northern Italy arrived in Rome to take in the sights and also set up their mini-ring of bells in St. Peter's Square to an audience of thousands. A new venture was the West Cork Ringing Festival held in September which attracted many visitors from the UK, together with the local ringers and those from the other districts. The whole event was very successful and is a certain for 2007. The Association Ringing Festival held every year in October and rotated between the districts brings together a gathering of ringers for a very relaxing and enjoyable weekend of ringing. The highlight of the weekend is the dinner and in 2006 this was held in the medieval crypt of Christ Church Cathedral in Dublin. The impromptu hand-bell ringing after the dinner was enjoyed by all. Monthly practices are held throughout the three Districts presenting the opportunity for a good range of ringing from call-changes right through to surprise methods. Also, the many cup competitions held at district level culminate in the winning teams competing at all-Ireland level. Our website is at www.bellringingireland.org

North American Guild of Change Ringers. 'In North America we gained two new towers during 2006: Birmingham, Alabama (8 bells) and the first 12 in the USA in New York City. Progress has also been made in finding a home for the Pewaukee bells. Efforts to have rings of bells in Seattle, Washington and Portland (Oregon) are still continuing. As usual, numerous events were held throughout the year including a very successful AGM and course in Vancouver and Victoria. Handbell ringing is a significant part of ringing in North America and the annual festival was a great success. St. Paul (Minneapolis) celebrated their 100th quarter peal in December. The Philadelphia Guild of Change Ringers rang the 100th quarter at St Mark's right before their very successful annual quarter peal weekend and held their annual dinner in March and birthday celebrations for both St. Mark's and St. Martin's in June. 'Ring Round

Charleston', The Five Towers Festival, Kalamazoo Weekends, Mid-Atlantic Area weekends, Dallas' novice weekend, Victoria Day and Brewster annual anniversary celebration were just a few of the other events that brought ringers together. Sadly, we lost several of our members in 2006: Bob Verrey (Honolulu), Derek Sawyer (Toronto) and Arthur Izard (Victoria) were all very instrumental in getting bells ringing in their respective cities. Our website is at www.nagcr.org.

South African Guild of Church Bell Ringers.

'The Guild has members in four major centres within South Africa which have their own local organisations. Each of the centres has two towers. A second tower in the Johannesburg area will shortly have a ring of four and this will be augmented to six in the foreseeable future. Any one centre is a good day's drive from the nearest other centre and interaction between them on a daily basis is impracticable, although individual members on holiday or business enjoy ringing hospitality when travelling. Ringers visiting from outside the country play an important part in enabling experience, even if they have time for one appearance only at a practice night. In recent years the projects officer of the Guild has been active in helping to create towers with ringable bells and it is partly through his help that Grahamstown and Johannesburg have acquired second towers. Durban and Cape Town have had two rings for a much longer period. Kimberly is destined to become the fifth ringing centre. The speed at which this is achieved will depend on adequate fund raising. The focus of activity is an annual general meeting, which rotates between centres. It is unusual for any one centre not to be represented at these meetings. A striking competition is held and the winner's shield is a prized trophy. It is often at these meetings that the best ringing is heard but more important is the opportunity they give to whet the skills of those recently joining the change ringing community. The biggest challenge to any given centre is the creation and maintenance of a pool of bellringers. Ideally leaders are required who are good ringers, successful teachers and with a charisma to hold bands together. These characteristics are rare alone, rarer in combination and statistically unlikely to be all found in one person in groups of a score or less. Each centre does its best. The sometimes lamented loss of ringers around 1994 was not balanced by an influx of ringers who would not, for clear reasons, have come to this country before that date. We are pleased when we successfully teach and keep a new bellringer, we rejoice when each one rings a first quarter; we continually remind them that they are part of a large community of likeminded people and that the manifestation of this is not only the Exercise's open tower tradition, but also this Guild's representation on the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.'

Complaints Helpline: There have been seven requests for advice to the Complaints Helpline during the year, including one about the electronic bells at Los Angeles, California



Viscount Raynham describes the project to restore East Raynham bells – in the PR Workshop at Melbourne Derbyshire, October 2006

– which is beyond the remit of the Council! Contacts for complaints are available in the diary and on www.cccbr.org.uk General advice was given in *The Ringing World* about the sensitivity of ringing during the two minutes' silence on Remembrance Day – which in 2006 fell on a Saturday.

An outline database of contacts of societies affiliated to the Council is now available to council officers and chairmen.

Ringing was encouraged to celebrate the 80th birthday of HM The Queen, and there was a very active response. Ringing was also encouraged to celebrate the 125th anniversary of The Children's Society. Groups around the country were successful in raising money for The Children's Society and at the same time gaining local publicity for ringing, especially of young ringers.

A reprint of a further 50,000 **Ringing Publicity Leaflets** has been made and leaflets are distributed on request by email to leaflets@cccbr.org.uk Further information and telephone contacts are available on www.cccbr.org.uk Requests vary from between 1 and 1000 leaflets and approximately 60,000 have been sent out since the launch in September 2005. Work is in hand to design a publicity poster in the same style as the leaflet and it is anticipated that this will be ready for production during the summer of 2007.

Work has continued in responding to requests about **where to go to learn to ring**. These are received via www.ringingworld.co.uk/learnring/ and an individual response and local contact information is given. 'Learn to Ring' is continuing to gain response from returning ringers as well as new recruits.



John Anderson talks about publicity for Ringing Roadshow 2008 at Stoneleigh to participants of the PR Workshop

The Ringing Publicity Leaflet

A library of photos of bells and ringing is available to download. The work of Richard Offen (acting as a Consultant to the Committee) and Peter Trotman (CC Webmaster) in developing this is acknowledged. A CD including a talk about ringing and the library of photos is being prepared and will be made available for sale.

Peter Robson has been co-opted as a member of the committee with a specific remit of developing links with and publicity about university societies.

JUDITH ROGERS (*Chairman*)
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COMPLAINTS HELPLINE

If you need help in dealing with a complaint about your bells, contact the Complaints Helpline by e-mail (preferable) at

complaints@cccbr.org.uk
 or phone **01243 575414**

Publications Committee

Only two new publications were produced during the year. They were *The Learning Curve 3* and *Rung Surprise Supplement (to end 2005)*.

Sixteen titles were reprinted: *Beginners Handbook*, *Towards Better Striking*, *Doubles and Minor for Beginners*, *Ringling Circles*, *Ringling Skills*, *Listen to Ringling CD 1*, *Listen to Ringling CD 2*, *Beginners Guide to Change Ringling on Handbells*, *The Tower Handbook*, *Learning Methods*, *A Tutors Handbook*, *Kaleidoscope Ringling*, *Towers and Bells Handbook*, *Organising a Bell Restoration Project*, *Splicing Bell Ropes*, and the DVD. Bookbinding techniques have improved recently and as a result we were able to reprint the *Towers and Bells Handbook* with a soft cover and to advertise it at the old price. It is a high quality book and has been well received in its new form.

Bulk discounts were offered in March as usual and advertisements were again placed in a number of Society reports. Our main supplier continues to give excellent value for money, to respond quickly and efficiently to our requests, and to provide high quality cover designs. However, we continue to test the market regularly. The recent changes to postal charge rates have, on balance, worked in our favour and have helped us to avoid price increases. We now offer *The Tower Handbook* as part of our discount scheme.

Income from sales fell to £11,400 from £15,000 and the excess of income over expenditure fell to £750 from £3,500. However, the value of stock rose to £11,200 from £5,600. This situation was due in large part to the lack of major new titles, which sell well immediately after publication, and the large number of reprints, including two of the more expensive books, whose sales tend to remain at previous levels. Cash in hand fell to £3,500 and we did not feel able to offer a transfer to the General Fund at year end.

As announced at the Leicester meeting we are giving attention to succession planning in respect of the storage and distribution work carried out so ably by Barbara Wheeler. There is no suggestion that Barbara will step down in the near future and we hope that she will continue for many years to come. However, her work is so vital to the business in its present form that we think it only wise to begin long term planning.

JOHN COUPERTHWAIT (Chairman)
DEREK JONES
BERYL NORRIS
JEAN SANDERSON (co-opted)
BARBARA WHEELER

Stocklist at December 31st 2006

Title	Sales to 31 Dec 2006	Stock at 31 Dec 2006
Beginners Handbook	279	328
Towards Better Striking	77	190
Raising and Lowering	103	211
Ringling Jargon Made Easy	11	25
Beginners Grandsire	198	280
Beginners Plain Bob	218	136
Doubles and Minor for Beginners	93	314
Triples and Major for Beginners	34	279
Ringling Circles	465	288
Ringling Skills	60	204
The Learning Curve Vol 1	97	23
The Learning Curve Vol 2	95	95
The Learning Curve Vol 3	185	113
Listen to Ringling Cassette/CD 1	2/45	6/34
Listen to Ringling Cassette/CD 2	1/39	25/40
Beginners Guide to Change Ringling on Handbells	83	265
Change Ringling on Handbells	53	319
The Tower Handbook	85	230
Learning Methods	52	336
Standard 8 Surprise Major	42	54
Method Splicing	18	83
Understanding Place Notation	34	106
Will You Call a Touch Please, Bob?	52	183
Service Touches	60	338
Conducting Stedman	30	161
A Tutors Handbook	32	321
Tower Captains Handbook	17	73
One Way to Teach Handling	38	245
Teaching Beyond Bell Handling	28	305
Teaching from Rounds to Bob Doubles	30	19
Simulators and Teaching	7	80
Kaleidoscope Ringling	123	234
Starting a New Band	26	114
Towers and Bells Handbook	60	291
The Bell Advisor	3	189
Schedule of Regular Maintenance	74	72
D-I-Y Guidelines	4	193
Organising a Bell Restoration Project	79	242
Sound Management	20	159
Change Ringling History Vol 1	18	264
Change Ringling History Vol 2	14	8
Change Ringling History Vol 3	15	252
Centenary History of the Central Council	3	93
Giants of the Exercise	14	59
Dove's Guide	159	1421
Belfry Offices	8	91
Organising an Outing	14	102
Belfry Warning Notices	6	46
Church Towers and Bells	15	94
CC Rules and Decisions 2004	2	2
Getting it Right	18	163
Splicing Bell Ropes	157	270
Collection of Minor Methods	5	235
Collection of Plain Minor Methods	7	14
Treble Dodging Minor Methods	16	46
Collection of Principles	17	76
Plain Methods (2nd Edition)	5	69
Rung Surprise etc to end 2004	11	11
Rung Surprise etc supplement to end 2005	13	37
Handbook of Composition	12	22
Spliced Minor Collection	9	22
Grandsire Compositions	23	31
10 Bell Compositions	12	96
12+ Bell Compositions	9	115
Collection of Compositions in Popular Major Methods	3	0
Collection of Universal Compositions (for T D Major Methods)	12	43
Videos/DVDs	12/33	11/0

CENTRAL COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS

DOVE'S GUIDE (9th Ed)

is available from
Mrs B Wheeler, 2 Orchard Close, Morpeth,
Northumberland NE61 1XE

Price £13.00 incl. p&p

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'Central Council Publications'

Records Committee

First peals in methods rung on Tower Bells

January			
2	5024	Littleport Little S Fourteen	Win & Ports DG
2	5056	Free Parking S Major	Peterboro DG
2	5040	Foxstone S Royal	Peterboro DG
3	5040	Charing Heath D Royal	Kent CA
7	5040	Intrepid B Royal	Hertford CA
8	5010	Grandsire Septuples	Win & Ports DG
10	5088	Feckenham S Major	Worcs & District A
10	5088	70th Birthday S Major	Bath & Wells DA
11	5088	Edale D Major	Yorkshire A
12	5088	Blunsdon Abbey S Major	Glos & Bris DA
13	5040	Januar S Royal	Peterboro DG
14	5184	Peckham A Royal	Derby DA
14	5040	Aston Clinton S Royal	Oxford DG
15	5088	Ireleth S Major	Southwell DG
15	5152	Desperate Housewives S Major	CUG
18	5088	Whitworth D Major	Lancashire A
19	5024	Pentonville Road S Major	Glos & Bris DA
19	5040	London Pride D Royal	Oxford DG
20	5056	Even Swindon S Major	Glos & Bris DA
21	5184	Arthur S Major	G Devonshire Ringers
24	5040	Vinehall D Royal	Southwell DG
27	5152	Hainault S Major	Ely DA
February			
1	5120	Shambles S Major	Yorkshire A
3	5024	Wollaston S Major	Ely DA
4	5152	Butcherbie S Major	S Northants S
5	5088	Bower D Major	Lancashire A
7	5088	Xenakis S Major	G Devonshire Ringers
10	5056	Ashwell S Major	Ely DA
10	5184	Kiveton S Major	Yorkshire A
13	5040	Galatea D Royal	Yorkshire A
14	5088	Valentine's Day S Major	Bath & Wells DA
14	5088	Gadebridge S Major	SRCY
14	5088	Roghadel S Major	Peterboro DG
16	5040	Llanelly S Minor	ASCY
17	5088	Ashton Court D Major	Glos & Bris DA
19	5040	Horsehead Nebula S Royal	Lancashire A
20	5088	Cassiobury D Major	St James' G
23	5088	Rosenloui S Major	Oxford DG
23	5056	Sanvey Gate S Major	Southwell DG
24	5088	Hazel S Major	D&N DA
25	5040	Dingley B Doubles	Peterboro DG
25	5056	Icomb S Major	Glos & Bris DA
25	5088	Parkhead S Major	Lancashire A
25	5040	Calvary B Triples	NAG
27	5040	Northwood D Royal	St Martin's G
28	5000	Uppertorpe D Royal	Southwell DG
March			
1	5152	Hull Road D Major	Yorkshire A
2	5152	Fork Handles S Major	Lincoln DG
3	5152	Isambard Kingdom Brunel D Major	Glos & Bris DA
10	5040	Xining S Royal	Peterboro DG
11	5040	Beverley Minster D Royal	SRCY
12	5088	Hawaii S Major	Oxford DG
13	5090	Colmore Row S Maximus	St Martin's G
16	5088	Shamrock D Major	Oxford DG
17	5056	Easterly S Major	Glos & Bris DA
18	5120	Newtimber S Major	Sussex CA
19	5056	Craven S Major	Yorkshire A
20	5000	St Mark S Royal	G Devonshire Ringers
20	5024	Xylene S Major	Oxford DG
23	5152	Quill S Major	Oxford DG
23	5088	Needlegate S Major	Southwell DG
25	5056	Moor Leaze S Major	Glos & Bris DA
26	5000	Auxey-Duresses S Royal	Lancashire A
29	5088	Lendal S Major	Yorkshire A
April			
4	5148	Colston Bassett A Royal	G Devonshire Ringers
5	5120	Peasholme Green S Major	Yorkshire A
5	5056	LXX S Major	Ely DA
7	5056	Membury S Major	Ely DA
7	5152	Hinkleborough S Major	St James' G
8	5152	Headingley D Major	Yorkshire A
19	5024	Byland Abbey S Major	Yorkshire A
20	5088	Church Stretton D Major	Hereford DG
20	5088	Zoar S Major	Glos & Bris DA
21	5080	Elizabeth R S Royal	Peterboro DG
22	5040	Fettes TP Minor	Win & Ports DG
22	5040	Stirling TP Minor	Win & Ports DG
23	5024	Brunel 200 S Major	Glos & Bris DA
23	5040	Dunkeld TP Minor	Win & Ports DG
25	5024	Town End D Major	Kent CA
25	5040	Yaddletorpe D Royal	Southwell DG
27	5088	Interlaken S Major	Oxford DG
29	5152	Double Standard D Major	Yorkshire A
May			
2	5120	Kedington D Major	Southwell DG
3	5088	Grafton Regis S Major	Peterboro DG
3	5040	Westminster S Royal	Narnia Yths
8	5088	Finlay D Major	Oxford DG
8	5040	Dereham S Royal	Yorkshire A
10	5184	San Francisco A Major	Narnia Yths
10	5024	Toft Green S Major	Yorkshire A
11	5152	Dunstanburgh S Major	Southwell DG
13	5056	Frederick D Major	NAG
15	5090	Bristol Channel A Royal	Lancashire A
15	5056	Whipsnade S Major	St James' G
15	5024	Leamington Priors A Major	Coventry DG
15	5040	Dereham S Maximus	Yorkshire A
17	5056	Fountains Abbey S Major	Yorkshire A
18	5040	Abbot D Royal	Oxford DG
18	5152	Cullercoats S Major	Southwell DG
18	5088	Venus S Major	Glos & Bris DA
20	5024	Alcombe S Major	Glos & Bris DA
21	5088	Liversedge S Major	Yorkshire A
23	5000	Felthorpe D Royal	Southwell DG
30	5040	HMS Montagu S Royal	Lundy IS
June			
2	5040	Junction 15A D Minor	Peterboro DG
3	5040	Staplehurst D Royal	Kent CA
8	5152	Ireland S Major	Lancashire A
8	5024	Greyfriars S Major	Southwell DG
9	5120	Xarob S Major	Glos & Bris DA
9	5040	Zigadenus S Royal	Peterboro DG
10	5024	Jeffry's D Major	Surrey A
15	5042	Knotty Ash D Maximus	Oxford DG
18	5040	Queen Elizabeth II TP Minor	Suffolk G
18	5056	Lyddington SC Major	Middx CA & Lon DG
22	5152	Langleford S Major	Southwell DG
24	5088	Valiant S Major	Iceni S
24	5056	Knogle S Major	Glos & Bris DA
28	5056	Fork Handles D Major	Yorkshire A
30	5152	Twoone D Major	SRCY
July			
1	5040	Desborough S Royal	ASCY
2	5100	Milton Manor A Major	Oxford DG
5	5056	Loose End S Major	Yorkshire A
8	5088	Golden Pippin D Major	Lancashire A
8	5056	Martin S Major	Bedfordshire A
9	5024	Yenston S Major	Glos & Bris DA
13	5088	The Newark S Major	Southwell DG
14	5040	Hogsthorpe S Royal	Peterboro DG
15	5000	Crab Nebula S Royal	Yorkshire A
17	5040	Quasimodo A Major	Coventry DG
19	5086	Jervaulx Abbey S Major	Yorkshire A
19	5088	Method3 S Major	ASCY
19	5088	Malham D Major	Yorkshire A
21	5088	Kingsland St Michael S Major	Hereford DG
23	5088	St Brandon D Major	Durham US
24	5088	Tigra D Major	Lancashire A
25	5040	Raisthorpe D Royal	Southwell DG
27	5152	Bardon Mill S Major	Southwell DG
28	5088	Ab S Major	Lancashire A
30	5040	Whittington A Major	Bath & Wells DA
August			
5	5056	Yate D Major	Glos & Bris DA
5	5056	Garesdon S Major	Glos & Bris DA
6	5152	East Raynham S Major	SRCY
6	5120	Mark Lane S Major	St James' G
11	5000	Grimthorpe S Royal	Peterboro DG
13	5056	Burton D Major	Yorkshire A
14	5056	Croxley S Major	St James' G
14	5056	Jacksonville S Major	Glos & Bris DA
16	5024	Kirkstall Abbey S Major	Yorkshire A
19	5056	Xerophilous S Major	Oxford DG
20	5152	Fratton D Major	Win & Ports DG
21	5040	Umbrage A Major	Coventry DG
22	5024	Southfields S Major	St James' G
24	5088	Quantoxhead S Major	Glos & Bris DA
25	5056	Old Hooky D Major	ASCY
28	5040	Christ Church S Royal	Glos & Bris DA
29	5040	Fairbourne Heath D Royal	Kent CA
September			
1	5024	Leicester Forest East S Major	Ely DA
6	5152	Jewbury S Major	Yorkshire A
8	5040	Tolethorpe S Royal	Peterboro DG
10	5000	Grenoside S Royal	Yorkshire A
10	5040	Viking D Royal	Lancashire A
16	5040	Putney A Major	ASCY
16	5040	Grand Union D Royal	Glos & Bris DA
17	5056	Clewer SC Major	Middx CA & Lon DG
19	5120	Ickornshaw Moor D Major	Yorkshire A
20	5056	Hankerton S Major	Glos & Bris DA
23	5000	Darracott D Royal	Win & Ports DG
23	5056	Woman's Hour Celebration S Major	Essex A
23	5040	Baillieston S Royal	Peterboro DG
25	5000	Sarehole Mill D Royal	St Martin's G
26	5040	Authorpe D Royal	Southwell DG
28	5056	Small Hall S Major	ASCY
29	5024	Fugglestone S Major	Glos & Bris DA
October			
1	5024	Brighthouse S Major	Yorkshire A
5	5088	Old Codger S Major	Worcs & District A
7	5152	Arno's Vale D Major	Glos & Bris DA
7	5088	North Tawton Five-O D Major	G Devonshire Ringers
8	5040	Barrow-upon-Humber B Doubles	Barrow & District Soc
14	5184	Parish Centre S Major	Worcs & District A
14	5040	Crocodile Hunter A Major	Narnia Yths
16	5040	Venus A Major	Coventry DG
17	5000	Shooting Star S Royal	SRCY
19	5024	Odstock S Major	Glos & Bris DA
20	5184	Orionids S Major	ASCY
22	5056	Maplin SC Major	Middx CA & Lon DG
23	5152	Bedmond S Major	St James' G
24	5040	Ingerthorpe D Royal	Southwell DG
26	5024	Blyth S Major	Southwell DG
31	5184	Gerald C Hemming S Major	V Evesham S
November			
7	5024	Jedburgh D Major	Southwell DG
7	5040	Halley D Royal	Oxford DG
8	5120	Mahoganous S Major	Suffolk G
10	5024	Baxenden S Major	Ely DA
11	5088	Xena S Major	Glos & Bris DA
11	5152	Pickles S Major	G Devonshire Ringers
14	5024	Hearts Delight D Major	Kent CA
16	5040	Barfield D Royal	Oxford DG
16	5088	Zoons Court S Major	Glos & Bris DA
18	5120	Llangybi D Major	SRCY
18	5040	South Walsham S Minor	Norwich DA
18	5152	X Fell D Major	Yorkshire A
19	5088	Xunantumich S Major	Oxford DG
19	5152	Miles D Major	ANZAB
19	5040	Darton Exercise D Royal	SRCY
20	5152	Bushey TB Major	St James' G
20	5056	Damerham S Major	Glos & Bris DA
24	5024	Tyntesfield S Major	Glos & Bris DA
27	5040	BriGWar S Royal	Leicester DG
28	5040	Watford D Royal	Southwell DG
28	5088	Kindelein D Major	Kent CA
28	5024	Golden Bell D Major	SRCY
December			
1	5000	Tyndall's Park S Royal	Glos & Bris DA
1	5024	Padgate S Major	Glos & Bris DA
2	5040	Triquetra S Royal	Peterboro DG
2	5088	Charles Towne S Major	SRCY
3	5080	Lansdowne S Royal	SRCY
3	5056	Two Thousand S Major	Oxford DG
6	5024	Barbican S Major	Yorkshire A
8	5020	Viginti D Major	Glos & Bris DA
8	5040	Edworth S Royal	Peterboro DG
9	5184	Alrewosse A Royal	Non-Association
9	5152	Pioneer S Major	Sussex CA
10	5088	Bulford S Major	Glos & Bris DA
12	5056	Rivington S Major	St James' G
13	5088	Longueville D Major	Amersham Guild
14	5152	Scotswood S Major	Southwell DG
16	5152	Jabberwocky S Major	Oxford DG
16	5040	Pettistree B Minor	Suffolk G
18	5088	Blagrove S Major	St James' G
18	5040	Wellesbourne A Major	Coventry DG
20	5152	Snowball D Major	Yorkshire A
22	5088	Marchesvan S Major	Lancashire A
29	5184	Utrecht S Major	Oxford DG
First peals in methods rung on Hand Bells			
April			
8	5152	Brunel S Major	Middx CA & Lon DG
May			
4	5040	Old Oxford D Minor	Iceni S
June			
7	5040	Trafalgar S Maximus	Oxford DG
14	5040	Bastow Little B Caters	Leicester DG

August		
24	5040 Double Canterbury Pleasure B Major	Chester DG
October		
5	5040 Double Kirkgate B Major	Chester DG
10	5040 Richborough D Minor	Hertford CA
November		
13	5184 Kenninghall S Maximus	Leicester DG
15	5152 Quatermass S Major	St Olave's Soc
21	5040 Conisborough D Minor	Hertford CA
27	5056 Richmond S Major	Middx CA & Lon DG
December		
4	5040 Wrath D Royal	Leicester DG

Record peals

February		
14	12672 Rigel S Maximus (handbells)	St James' G
March		
18	10360 Orion Nebula S Royal	St James' G
October		
7	10101 Spliced Caters/Royal (4m/1p)	ASCY

This year the Committee was unable to recognise a potential record length as a consequence of the umpires' report. Due to a shift in one doubles extent, rounds actually occurred after approximately 160 changes. Therefore, as this was not a true extent, the performance cannot be recognised as a peal. We would like to congratulate the ringers for getting to the end of the ringing, as it was the first peal attempt for five of the band, and they rang 12000 changes without anything official to show for it.

Another query was also raised about a performance of 10560 Double Bob Major at Dore in 1980. Decision D.D states *"Record Length Peals of 10,000 or more changes must comply with the additional conditions below. Any such performance not rung in full compliance with these conditions shall not be published in The Ringing World."* D.D(b) requires the peal to be heard and the composition checked by competent umpire or umpires. As this performance had no umpires, the Council was unable to recognise the peal, and as such it has not been published. In this case there is no reason to suggest the peal was not of a standard that could be recognised, and that it was a true performance.

RICHARD ALLTON (*Chairman*)
FRANK BLAGROVE
GRAHAM DUKE
MICHAEL TRIMM

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 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:-

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 Managing 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
A R Aspland
R J Cooles
A J Frost
J Newman
The Revd Preb J G M Scott
Mrs P M Wilkinson
The Chairman of the Fund is:
The Revd Preb J G M Scott
The Honorary Secretary is: R J Cooles
The Honorary Treasurer is: The Revd Dr J C Baldwin

The Custodian Trustees of the Fund are the President, the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers and the Chairman of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers Bell Restoration Committee namely:

D E Sibson
I H Oram
D Harbottle
Mrs K Flavell

The Managing Trustees' report of the Fund's activities for the year ended 31st December 2006 is as follows:-

Working in conjunction with the Trustees of the Keltek Trust the Fund has provided loans to assist the Church Council of St.Mary's Moseley in the purchase of the chime removed from the church at Cradley Heath, Birmingham to provide a new ring of bells at St Mary's and to acquire four bells redundant from Highfield, Liverpool to provide a new ring of bells at St. Alban Wickersley.

The Wickersley project is particularly gratifying as it is one that the late Jeff Kershaw had an interest in and would have been supportive of. £5000 from his bequest to the Council has been allocated to the Rescue Fund and has funded the loan for this project.

The Fund had also been much involved in negotiations in the latter part of the year concerning the future of the eight bells redundant from All Saints Northampton, having been replaced by a new ring of ten. The Faculty authorising the removal of the bells required their use elsewhere but the PCC needed to realise the value of the bells to fund the project for the new ten. In order to ensure that the bells were available for future use elsewhere and that time could be taken to ensure the best project and to head off any attempt to vary the Faculty terms to dispose of the bells individually or to dispose of the bells for scrap the Fund was able to safeguard the bells by way of providing a loan to Northampton for a sum representing their discounted value. This could only have been achieved by the prompt support of those ringers who have undertaken to provide loans for the Fund and the Trustees of the Fund are immensely grateful to those individuals for such a quick and generous response.

At the moment the only project for the bells is installation at Kalgoolie and it is hoped that it will become clear during the course of 2007 whether this project is viable. If not the Trustees will actively look for an alternative so as to ensure that the bells are not left in storage for any longer than necessary as well as, of course, to ensure early repayment of ringers loans.

It is very encouraging for the members of the Committee for Redundant Bells, who are the managing trustees of the Rescue Fund, that

it has been possible for the Rescue Fund to pay a crucial role in three bell projects involving bells that are redundant to ensure their re-use elsewhere. Members will recall that the Committee wishes to support the re-use of redundant bells generally, not just bells from redundant churches.

It is to be hoped that more projects can be supported during the coming year.

As always new promises of loans to be taken up if required are always welcome.

The Accounts for 2006 are set out separately.

R. J. COOLES
Hon Secretary

Rescue Fund for Redundant Bells

Registered Charity No 278816

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2006

	2006 £	2005 £
Incoming resources		
Interest receivable	307	337
Loans from ringers	15000	
Nominal transfer from CCCBR (J Kershaw bequest)	5000	
	20307	
Resources expended		
Direct charitable expenditure (loans to parishes)	8020	0
Net incoming resources	12287	337
Balances at 1 January 2006	7825	7488
Balances at 31 December 2006	20112	7825
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2006		
Current assets		
Debtors: loans to parishes	8020	0
Cash held in CCCBR account	20000	0
Cash at Bank and on deposit	112	7825
Total current assets	28132	7825
Current liabilities		
Interest free loans (by ringers)	15000	0
Net current assets	13132	7825
Funds		
Unrestricted	13132	7825
Total Funds	13132	7825

Note 1:

The sum of £5000 from the J Kershaw bequest previously held by the Council's main fund was used in making the loans noted above and is shown as a nominal receipt.

Note 2:

The sum of £20000 shown as cash held in CCCBR account represents a promised loan which had not, by the year end, been paid to the parish concerned.

J C BALDWIN
7th March 2007



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