



## 2008 Central Council Supplement

### Why go to the 2008 Ringing Roadshow?



**Whether you are a roadshow 'virgin' – or a veteran who's been to them all, here are 20 reasons to come to the 2008 Ringing Roadshow:**

1. Although there will be some repeat exhibitors, the increasing popularity of the Roadshow means there are lots of new things to see and do, more entertainment and opportunities to learn.
2. The Personal Development Zone is the key educational area at the Roadshow. The Charnborough Ring will be set up for "master class" demonstrations. Various kinds will be provided, for example teaching bell control and diagnosing/correcting handling faults. An additional mini-ring will be used as a teaching resource and a local ring of bells will be used to allow learners to book themselves a slot for personal benefit.
3. All the bell founding and hanging firms will be there – if you are planning or even just contemplating a local bell scheme (however big or small) this is a unique opportunity to see all the suppliers under one roof.
4. Never had a go at handbell ringing? There will be opportunities to try your hand at both changes and tune ringing.
5. Meet people you haven't seen for years. The Friday night social event will give you the opportunity to talk to them for even longer. You might even meet the love of your life.
6. It's the biggest ever. The exhibition area in the Main Hall alone is at least 10 times bigger than the school hall used for the first Roadshow in 1997, and substantially bigger than that at Newbury. In addition there is a 400-seat theatre style hall for seminars and handbell recitals and a 250-seat room for the social evening on Friday.



*The exhibition halls at Stoneleigh showground – booked for the Roadshow on 5th-6th September*

7. Not quite sure what The Central Council does for you? All the committees will be there so this is your chance to find out.
8. An avenue of mini-rings with pre-arranged time slots for novices, experienced ringers and everyone in between.
9. Interested in the history of bells and bellringing? A trail in the programme will guide you around the exhibitors who will be of special interest to you.
10. Real ale bar in the exhibition hall!!
11. The seminars are all new with three different ones on each day – a great opportunity to be entertained and informed. You might even get a burning question answered.
12. The world famous carillonneur, Boudewijn Zwart has been engaged to give several recitals, on both days, on the 50-bell Petit and Fritsen carillon.
13. The informal Advice Centre will answer all those ringing questions you have always wanted to ask; experts will staff it on both days.
14. It is an opportunity to start your Christmas shopping early – books, jewellery, RW subscription, ringing clothing - the list goes on. If you fancy treating your trusty PC to some new ringing software all the major packages will be represented and the CC ICT committee will be highlighting the best of what's available on the web.
15. Local towers open before and after the show on both days with routes planned for people coming from all directions.
16. The Cambridge handbell boys will be back and this time they're thinking big.
17. The fun trail of hands on activities gives something for everyone young or old to have a go at.
18. High class handbell recitals on both days.
19. It's centrally located – Sheffield, Nottingham, Lincoln, Peterborough, Cambridge, Oxford, Reading, Bristol, Hereford, Shrewsbury and Warrington are all within a 2 hour drive of Stoneleigh. Travelling by train to Coventry puts Manchester, Liverpool and London onto that list.
20. It's a bargain. Where else could you get a whole day's entertainment for £8 (£6 in advance makes it even better value). The ticket price allows access to everything on site – main exhibition, seminars, handbell concerts, mini-rings and much more.



*From handbells ... to carillons*



**The 2008 Ringing Roadshow will be held at Stoneleigh Park in Warwickshire on Friday 5th and Saturday 6th September. An information leaflet and ticket booking form are included with this issue. Further information is also available on the website:**

**[www.ringingroadshow2008.org.uk](http://www.ringingroadshow2008.org.uk)**

**See you there!**



## The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

Registered Charity No 270036

The first session of the 40th Council (111th Annual Meeting) will be held on Monday, 26th May 2008 in the Scotswood Suite of The Centre for Life, Newcastle, starting at 10.00 a.m. It will be preceded by a Corporate Communion Service at 8.30 a.m. in St John the Baptist Church, Grainger Street.

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

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

The afternoon session will be adjourned at 4.15 p.m.; at 4.45 p.m. the first Annual Meeting of The Ringing Foundation Limited will be held; if required, the afternoon session will resume after that Meeting.

### AGENDA

1. Opening prayer.
2. Report of the Honorary Secretary as to the representation of societies and subscriptions.
3. Welcome to new members.
4. Apologies for absence.
5. Loss of members through death.
6. Minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting (*p.461*).
7. Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
8. Annual Report of the Council (*p.466*).
9. Accounts for 2007 (*p.467*).
10. Election of Life Member: Andrew Stubbs is proposed by Chris Rogers and seconded by Stef Warboys.
11. Election of Honorary Members:  
Janet Edwards, John Eisel, Alan Frost, Eric Godfrey, Andrew Higson, Chris Ridley and Robin Walker retire. Chris Ridley is not seeking re-election. Robin Walker is now a Representative Member. There are in all twelve vacancies.
12. Election of Officers for 2008 - 2010:
 

<u>Office</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Second</u>
President	Tony Smith	Michael Church	Gail Cater
Vice-President	Kate Flavell	Jackie Roberts	Ernie Runciman
Hon Secretary	Ian Oram	Chris Rogers	Judith Rogers
Hon Assistant Secretary	No nomination		
Hon Treasurer	Derek Harbottle	Chris Povey	Robert Cooles
13. Election of Independent Examiners.  
Jeremy Cheesman and Richard Wallis retire, both are eligible for election.
14. Motions:
  - (A) That rolling elections be adopted for appointments to Committees by making the following rule changes:  
That the first sentence of Rule 14(i) be amended to read:  
'The Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint members to fill vacancies in an Administrative Committee and the permanent committees enumerated in paragraph (ii) of this Rule and shall appoint such other committees as are necessary to carry out the work of the Council'.  
That Rule 14(i) be amended by adding the following new sentences after the end of the first sentence:  
'At each Annual Meeting at least one-third of the elected members of the Administrative Committee and of each of the permanent committees enumerated in paragraph (ii) of this Rule shall retire. Retiring members who are still members of the Council shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment and are eligible for reappointment. If any members were appointed on the same day, those to retire shall be determined by lot unless they otherwise agree among themselves'.  
That Rule 14(iii)(b) be amended to read:  
'The Chairman of Committees or their nominees';  
That Rule 14(iii)(c) be amended to read:  
'Twelve elected members (chosen by ballot if nominations exceed the number of vacancies);'  
That the second sentence of Rule 14(iv) be amended to read:  
'Members shall be chosen by ballot if nominations exceed the number of vacancies;'  
*Proposed on behalf of the Administrative Committee by Roger Bailey (Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild), seconded by Tony Smith (Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild).*

## (B) (i) That the Council's Rules be amended as follows:

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

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

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

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

That Rule 15 (vi) be deleted;

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

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

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

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

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

Motion B (ii) will be withdrawn if motion B (i) is not passed.

*Proposed by Phillip Barnes (Kent County Association), seconded by Richard Allton (Ancient Society of College Youths).*

## 15. To receive, discuss and if thought fit to adopt the report of the Administrative Committee (p.470).

## 16. To receive, discuss and if thought fit to adopt the reports of the following Committees; and to pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising from the reports; and to reappoint the Committees under the terms of Rule 14. In all cases the present members retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council.

The appointment of the Steward of the Library will be taken after the presentation of the Library Committee report: John Eisel is proposed by Chris Ridley and seconded by Robert Cooles.

(a) Towers and Belfries (p.471)

(f) Information and

(k) Records (p.479)

(b) Tower Stewardship (p.471)

Communications Technology (p.474)

(l) Public Relations (p.480)

(c) Bell Restoration (p.472)

(g) Library (p.475)

(m) Publications (p.481)

(d) Biographies (p.473)

(h) Methods (p.475)

(n) Redundant Bells (p.481)

(e) Education (p.474)

(i) Peal Compositions (p.475)

(o) Ringing Centres (p.483)

(j) Peals Analysis (p.476)

(p) Ringing Trends (p.483)

*The Council will adjourn to enable these Committees to elect their Chairmen.*

## 17. (a) Report of the Stewards of the Carter Ringing Machine Collection (p.485).

(b) Appointment of Stewards for 2008 - 2010: Alan Berry is proposed by Winnie Warwick and seconded by Carol Franklin. Barry Ward is proposed by Winnie Warwick and seconded by Carol Franklin.

## 18. (a) Report of the Steward of the Rolls of Honour (p.485).

(b) Appointment of Steward for 2008 - 2010: Alan Regin is proposed by Ian Oram and seconded by Margaret Oram.

## 19. (a) Report of the Stewards of the Dove Database (p.486).

(b) Appointment of Stewards for 2008 - 2010: John Baldwin is proposed by Michael Church and seconded by Robert Cooles; Tim Jackson is proposed by Michael Church and seconded by Pat Halls.

## 20. Central Council Rescue Fund for Redundant Bells (registered charity no. 278816):

(a) Report and Accounts (p.486).

(b) Motion:

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

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

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

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

(c) there shall be a new clause 7:

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

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

*Proposed by Bob Cooles and seconded by John Baldwin.*

## 21. Appointment of the Administrative Committee in accordance with Rule 14 (iii).

## 22. Future meetings.

## 23. Any other business.

# The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

**Minutes of the Third Session of the 39th Council (110th Annual Meeting), held at the Bacon Theatre, Dean Close School, Cheltenham on Monday 28th May 2007, at 10.00 a.m.**

## Present

**Life Members:** The Revd J C Baldwin, H W Egglestone, H W Rogers, The Revd Preb J G M Scott, D G Thorne.

**Honorary Members:** R I Allton, A P S Berry, Mrs S Bianco, Mrs G Cater, R J Cooles, C B Dove, Mrs J A Edwards, J C Eisel, A J Frost, E G H Godfrey, W A Hibbert, W K Jones, R A Lewis, Mrs H L E Peachey, C Ridley, Miss J Roberts, Mrs J M Rogers, R J Walker, B Ward, Mrs P M Wilkinson.

**Ancient Society of College Youths:** P A B Saddleton, A N Stubbs, A W R Wilby.

**Australian & New Zealand Assn:** C D O'Mahony (alt member)\*, I McCulloch, L R Reynolds.

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

**Bedfordshire Assn:** P J S Albon, K Lewin.

**Beverley & District Society:** P S Andrews.

**Birmingham University Society:** P Chandler\*.

**Cambridge Univ. Guild:** P J Earis, S C Farrar.

**Carlisle Dio. Guild:** J J Proudfoot, Mrs M Snape.

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

**Coventry Dio. Guild:** M Chester, M J Dew, D Travis, H M Windsor.

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

**Devon Association:** P J Pascoe.

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

**Dorset County Assn:** J R Schmidt\*, C M White.

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

**Durham Univ. Society:** M Williams.

**East Derby & West Notts Assn:** A Dempster.

**East Grinstead & District Guild:** R A Grant.

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

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

**Gloucester & Bristol Dio. Assn:** D Harbottle, Prof A Newing, R Shipp, B D Threlfall, R K Williams.

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

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

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

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

**Kent County Assn:** P R J Barnes, P H Larter, Mrs C M Lewis, F W Lewis, D C Manger.

**Ladies Guild:** Mrs H Aslett, Mrs A R Caton.

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

**Leeds Univ. Society:** N J Green.

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

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

**Lincoln Dio. Guild:** Mrs S Faull, A R Heppenstall, L G Townsend.

**Liverpool Univ. Society:** S J Flockton.

**Llandaff & Monmouth Dio. Assn:** P S Bennett, J C Parker, Mrs P Penney.

**Middlesex County Assn. & London Dio. Guild:** R Bailey, F T Blagrove, G E J A Doughty, A R Udall.

**National Police Guild:** The Rt Revd B F Peachey.

**North American Guild:** B N Butler, A F Ellis, D F Morrison, P A Trotman.

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

**North Wales Assn:** G P Morris, D Stanworth.

**Norwich Dio. Assn:** Miss V Bate, Miss T Crowder, D F Riley.

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

**Oxford Society:** B J Stone.

**Oxford Univ. Society:** P D Niblett.

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

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

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

**Scottish Assn:** S Elwell-Sutton, Ms T Stoecklin.

**Shropshire Assn:** K Buckingham#, F M Mitchell.

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

**Society of Sherwood Youths:** P Hawcock.

**South African Guild:** Mrs J M Webster.

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

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

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

**Sussex County Assn:** A R Baldock, Mrs C M Baldock, D Kirkcaldy\*, Mrs M E Oram, Mrs J Peel.

**Swansea & Brecon Dio. Guild:** PC Johnson, Mrs H J Rose.

**Truro Dio. Guild:** N R Mattingley, Mrs H L Perry, R J Perry, D R Pope.

**Univ. Bristol Society:** Mrs C Rodcliffe, R M Wood.

**Univ. London Society:** M Trimm.

**Veronese Assn:** P Avesani, Dr A M Hodge, R G T Morris.

**Winchester & Portsmouth Dio. Guild:** M J Church, R H Routh, A P Smith, P A G Watts, M J Winterbourne.

**Worcestershire & Districts Assn:** S W Holbeche, C M Povey, A Roberts, S J T Wilmshurst#.

**Yorkshire Assn:** A R Aspland, R Cater#, N Donovan, Mrs D M Rhymer, Ms A D M Thorley.

**Zimbabwe Guild:** E J W Manley (alt member)\*.

The St David's Diocesan Guild was not represented.

The Chair was taken by the President, Derek Sibson.

## 1. Opening Prayer

The Revd John Baldwin led the Council in prayer.

## 2. Report as to membership and subscriptions

The Hon Secretary, Ian Oram, reported that 65 societies were affiliated to the Council with 201 representatives; there was one vacancy. There were 6 Life Members and 21 Honorary Members. All subscriptions had been paid.

## 3. Welcome to new members

The President gave a warm welcome to new and returning members (indicated by \* and # respectively in the list of those present).

The President thanked those members retiring after many years service to the Council: Garry Barr (Univ. London Soc 1993-1998, London County Assn 1999-2007); Roger Booth (London County Assn 1981-1983 and 1993-2007); and Hugh Pettifer (Sussex County Assn 1995-2006).

The President referred to the recent dissolution of the London County Association, which under its former name of the St James Society was a founding member of the Council, and invited Garry Barr, its last Master, to speak. Garry referred to the meeting of the Association on 10th February this year, at which the decision to disband was agreed, following which several resolutions were passed concerning the Association's property: the Master's Badge was to be passed to the museum room at the Whitechapel Bellfoundry; the contents of the library and the handbells would be offered for sale and the proceeds go towards the cost of one of the new bells at St Magnus the Martyr, London in memory of Olive Rogers, for many years a leading member of the Association; and the Grand Peal Book, dating from 1928, and the name book dating from 1834, would be given to the Council's Library: the President thanked Garry for these.

## 4. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Doris Colgate (Life Member), Andrew Higson (Honorary Member), Doug Nichols (Australian and New Zealand Assn), Wendy Piercy (Bedfordshire Assn), Michael Henshaw (Beverley & District Soc), Philip Mehew (Derby DA), Chris Richardson (Durham & Newcastle DA), Jean Sanderson (Ely DA), Sarah Andrews (Lincoln DG), Betty Baines



(Norwich DA), Alan Chantler (Peterborough DG), John Prytherch (St David's DG), Richard Wallis (Surrey Assn) and Anne Phillips (Zimbabwe Guild). Further apologies were presented from Simon Linford (Ancient Soc College Youths), Mervyn Way (Devon Assn), Freda Cannon (Ladies Guild) and Anna Thomson (Veronese Assn). An alternate member was attending for each of the Australian & New Zealand Assn and the Zimbabwe Guild.

## 5. Loss of members through death

Members stood in silence as the Hon Secretary read the names of former members of the Council who had died: two members died prior to the last meeting but their deaths had not been previously reported to the Council: David Johnson (Yorkshire Assn 1969-1971); Fred Bogan (Irish Assn 1966-1968 and 1986-1989); and the following members and former members had died since the last meeting: John Blythe (Suffolk Guild 1957-1965); John Spice (Oxford Univ Soc 1945-1947 and 1960-1962); Brian Warwick (Leicester DG 1960-1980 and from 1987); Wilf Moreton (Hereford DG 1947-1959, Hon Member 1961-1962, Yorkshire Assn 1963-1988, Life Member from 1989); Doug May (Guildford DG 1963-1971); and Deryk Bugler (Dorset CA from 1994).

The Revd John Scott led members in prayer.

## 6. Minutes of the 2006 Annual Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 29th May 2006 had been published in *The Ringing World* of 28th July 2006; an amendment was noted: under the heading Other Business, to the second sentence should be added: 'for example, the Redundant Bells Committee could be handled by stewards not a full committee'. As there were no other corrections the Minutes were approved and signed by the President.

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

No matter was raised.

## 8. Annual Report of the Council (RW 27th April 2007, p441)

The Hon Secretary noted two other changes since the Report was prepared: one further Representative Member had died but the vacancy had not been filled, consequently there were only 201 Representative Members; and there had been one other change in representation. With these changes he proposed adoption of the report; this was seconded by the Vice-President, Tony Smith, and agreed.

## 9. Accounts for 2006

(RW 27th April 2007, pp441-442)

In presenting the Accounts, the Hon Treasurer, Derek Harbottle, noted that the Independent Examiners had been able to give an unqualified report. He explained that the net negative movement in Funds of £10,649 was largely due

to payments of previously agreed grants from the Bell Restoration Fund, together with the payment of the portion of the Jeffrey Kershaw legacy re the Rescue Fund. Although all monies in the Fred Dukes Fund had been allocated, none of the grants were paid out in 2006, but two had been paid in 2007. It was noted that, with the improvement in interest rates and the reduction in committee expenses, the General Fund showed a break-even position. The Officers had decided that as the original purpose of the Capital Reserve was no longer required, the amount was transferred to the General Fund, to which Fund accrued interest was already credited. The Hon Treasurer drew attention to typographical errors in the General Fund Balance Sheet: the Net current assets should read £55,812 and the Total assets less current liabilities £145,812; with this correction he proposed the adoption of the Accounts. Don Morrison seconded.

Chris O'Mahony queried the significant drop in Donations compared to the previous year: this was due to several large donations to the Bell Restoration Fund in 2005.

Adoption of the Accounts was then agreed.

## 10. Election of Honorary Members

Seven Honorary Members would complete their three-year term at the end of the meeting: of these six and three others were elected as follows: Stella Bianco, who continued to sell puzzles for the Bell Restoration Fund and had offered to provide space when needed for the stock of publications; Roger Booth, to work on the Ringing Centres and Administrative Committees; Bob Cooles, to continue as secretary of the Rescue Fund; Bill Hibbert, to help the Towers & Belfries Committee with the tonal analysis of bells; Tim Jackson, to be elected as a Steward of the *Dove* database; David Kelly, for his work with the Keltek Trust; Heather Peachey, working on the Education Committee on a training project; Judith Rogers, chairman of the Public Relations Committee; and Barry Ward, a Steward of the Carter Ringing Machine Collection. One vacancy remained unfilled.

## 11. Motions:

### (A) Ringing Foundation

John Harrison proposed:

'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'.

John chaired the working group preparing this proposal and outlined the key points: the Foundation was a response to a problem: the world was changing and ringers were changing; having older ringers was not a problem but losing younger ringers was, especially potential leaders. To retain the status quo was an inadequate response, the barriers to progress had to be removed. Money could make a difference: it could supplement what could not be achieved without it. The Foundation would support two aims: a better perception of ringing in the community and better training. Setting

up the Foundation could be the catalyst to start change. Council had an opportunity here to make a bold decision.

The Vice-President seconded.

Andrew Wilby said that the basic intention should be supported but queried the lack of a business case: there was an assumption that funds could be attracted; this conflicted with his experience; there would be no public money unless it was possible to demonstrate how the hidden barriers of race and creed would be overcome. Other bodies would want to know the broad policy framework, supported by a business case: similar views were expressed by Paul Flavell and John Couperthwaite. Alan Frost agreed that raising money could be difficult but a central body such as the proposed Foundation could be successful: it should be supported to help raise the profile of ringing to the public. Robert Wood supported Andrew Wilby's point about an ethnic mix: if ringing was part of our national heritage, it should reflect the national make-up. The Foundation would need some radical thinking to explore ways of achieving this.

Peter Bennett supported the proposal but thought that Object M3, the practice and art of change-ringing, excluded rounds and call-change ringers.

Robin Heppenstall regretted the absence of the word 'church' from the proposal: in villages the church was often the centre of all community activity and more and more churches were being used for other functions, with the support of English Heritage; Andrew Aspland was broadly in favour and made the same point – we had to operate alongside the church. Laith Reynolds thought that bodies with church connections might have already been approached for restoration work, here was an opportunity to approach the secular world. In Australia ringing was in the top five of fund-raising for Culture and the Arts, it was better to keep separate from church work.

Roger Bailey was concerned at the lack of an answer to solving the problem of ringing being in decline: raising money and then thinking where to spend it was the wrong approach. Gail Cater disagreed, recalling that the Founders' gift of £50,000 for Ringing Centres had been promised without any business plan. Catherine Lewis agreed that we should not worry about trying to get the money first; the first aim should be to set up the Foundation. Peter Bennett drew a comparison with bell restorations: you raised money when you got an opportunity.

Norman Mattingley queried the relationship between the Foundation and the Council: what powers would Council have?

Bob Cooles answered some of the queries raised: the proposal was that the charity would be secular, to enable it to approach secular organisations without any religious overtones. The Foundation would be incorporated separately from the Council, but under the control of Council members. Bob reminded members that the Millennium Grants Company was formed first without any money and without professional advisers.

John Harrison responded to other points: formulation of a business case would be one of

the first actions for the trustees, after planning and strategy; he felt that call-changes were included in the words ‘change-ringing’ which did exclude tune ringing; there was a conscious decision not to include the word ‘church’ or ‘religion’ as that would bar us from several funds – if bells were supported, then that support was carried across to the 98% of bells in churches, but there might be more secular rings in the future; regarding social inclusion, ringing was inclusive of opportunity – no-one was turned away; re the availability of money, since the Millennium there was a lot of money for people-oriented projects.

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

The President said that a group of up to 12 promoters would need to be elected to take the proposal forward: they need not be members of Council; in order to give members time to consider suitable nominees, he would take nominations later that day. Subsequently the following were proposed, seconded and elected as promoters: John Armstrong, Roger Booth, Robert Hancock, Robin Heppenstall, Richard Hough, David Hull, the Revd Trevor Kirkman and Stef Warboys. The President thanked the members of the working group for all their work.

## **(B) Council subscriptions**

Phil Gay proposed:

‘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)’.

Phil recalled the proposal in 1994 to increase the subscription from £5 at a time when interest rates were falling; now over a relatively short period the subscription was £20. The current basis was proportional to representation not membership: there was a huge disparity between the small and large societies ranging from 40p to 6p respectively per member. Since the work of the Council benefited the whole ringing community, it was appropriate that the subscription should be proportional to every member. The proposal was an attempt to rationalise the situation: the larger societies would pay more and the smaller less.

John Harrison seconded.

Mike Chester thought acceptance of the motion would change the relationship between the Council and ringers, effectively a tax on each ringer. Tina Stoecklin disagreed but thought the position of the University and non-territorial societies should be considered.

Angela Newing was against the motion: it was Representative Members who made up the Council, not society members.

Alison Hodge was concerned at the position of the Veronese Association if the motion was carried: because it was outside the UK it received less benefits from Council membership; however it did value its membership of the Council but an increase would have a serious impact on the Association, which would have to consider its continuing membership.

Deborah Thorley commented that the Council was seen by many as detached from the ordinary ringer: this motion would make the connection more relevant.

Roger Bailey then proposed a procedural motion that the motion be now put: this was carried by a narrow majority.

The motion was then put to the vote and lost by a narrow majority.

## **(C) Rules for quarter peal recognition**

David Manger proposed:

‘(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; and (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’.

David was concerned at the relevance of the Council to the ordinary ringer: there was a lack of recognition of the achievements of many ringers, when they rang their first quarter, compared to the much smaller number of peal ringers. There had been a huge increase in quarter-peal ringing compared with 30 or 40 years ago and Council should recognise this trend.

Phil Larter seconded and reiterated that the Council had made little progress in recognising grass-root ringing.

Giles Blundell proposed an amendment to the first sentence of (ii): ‘that where a new method is rung for the first time in a quarter peal, ...’; this was seconded by Bill Hibbert. Several people spoke against this amendment, which was put to the vote and lost.

Don Morrison favoured the Council offering support to quarter-peal ringers but thought that the motion did the opposite and would be an impediment to quarter-peal ringing. He proposed deleting (i) and revising (ii) to ‘that those bands who first ring a true touch of 1250 or more changes of a new method, or an extent in the case of Doubles or Minor, shall name the method’. Peter Bennett seconded. John Cater supported this amendment as it removed the restrictive aspects of (i). Several other comments were made: would this cover Spliced adequately?; was the motion really wanted by quarter-peal ringers?; drafting amendments haphazardly was unproductive.

Andrew Mills then moved Next Business; this was seconded by Robert Wood and agreed.

## **(D) Abolition of Committee for Redundant Bells**

Laith Reynolds proposed:

‘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’.

Laith noted that the Committee was a powerful group including 3 Past-Presidents, 2 of whom were priests; it was set up in recognition of the number of bells that were being lost. However the group was prevented from operating effectively: it could not raise cash to save bells in danger and find new homes for them. The Rescue Fund did work within its original constraints but was not intended as a broad movement in the market place. David Kelly recognised the problem and set up the Keltek Trust which continued to

provide a good service, mostly without any involvement from the Committee. Laith felt that the Committee’s function should be transferred to the Bell Restoration Committee; if there was a proposal to establish that Committee that day, with the Keltek Trust functioning, would it have been approved? The Council should accept that there was a need for some reorganisation of its committees and here was an opportunity to start that review.

Philip Earis seconded.

Jane Wilkinson regretted that her Committee had not been given prior notice of why it was considered so deplorable; there was no precedent for such a hostile attack on a committee. She thought that Council did not want a full-scale review of the committee structure.

Jane recalled that the Committee was established in 1973, following the Church of England’s Pastoral Measure decision re redundant churches: there was an urgent need for the voice of ringers, indeed the Committee was the only external body referred to in the Pastoral Measure Code of Practice. The Committee created a list of bells at risk of loss and tried to work with societies to find homes for these bells: this led to the setting up of the Rescue Fund in 1979. The motion did not show how closing the Committee would enable its work to be done more effectively.

Bob Cooles pointed out that the Committee’s Terms of Reference gave its primary concern as contact with the Church authorities, not as an alternative to the Keltek Trust. The Rescue Fund was the only organisation ensuring that bells were saved, which uniquely it achieved through loans from ringers, for which the Fund was grateful. David Kelly had been a member of the Committee; he realised that there was a need to develop the work of holding bells for future use, but this was not an appropriate work for the Committee; co-operation with the Trust continued to the present day, with two schemes in progress.

The Revd John Scott noted that the Council had changed over the years: if it had been resistant to change, the Committee would not have been established. The Committee kept a watching brief and dealt with situations as they arose.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.56 p.m. and resumed, after the Annual Meeting of The Ringing World Limited, at 3.03 p.m.

Upon resumption of the discussion Simon Farrar proposed that the voting on the motion be by secret ballot; Phillip Barnes seconded and this was agreed.

Phillip added that it was regrettable that individuals had been attacked; however, no reason had been given for the Committee to continue as a separate identity.

Alan Frost felt that the view of the Council was to spread its work over its committees; there was no overlap with the Bell Restoration Committee. In answer to a question, Kate Flavell, chairman of that Committee, said it would take on whatever Council decided.

Michael Church challenged the opening remarks made by Jane Wilkinson: arising from Laith’s motion at the Leicester meeting, representatives of the Administrative Committee



had met Laith and the notes of that meeting had been circulated to all members of that Committee; in turn Jane had responded to those notes prior to the subsequent meeting of the Administrative Committee. Jane took strong exception to Michael's statement and asked that the notes of the meeting with Laith be read to the meeting: Chris Rogers pointed out that these notes were intended for the Administrative Committee only.

At this point George Doughty proposed a procedural motion that the motion be put; this was seconded by John Mulvey and agreed. After clarification that the result of the motion would not affect the existence of the Rescue Fund, the motion was put to the vote and defeated.

### **(E) Decisions references to Recorded Bells etc**

Adrian Udal proposed:

'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 replace 'a mechanical device' with 'electronic equipment';
- (iii) in paragraph 5 lines 5 and 7 replace 'a gramophone record' with 'playback equipment';
- (iv) in paragraph 6 line 1 delete 'the increasing number of'. Robert Lewis seconded, the motion was put to the vote and carried.

## **12. Report of the Stewards of the Carter Ringing Machine Collection**

(RW 27th April 2007, p442)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Alan Berry, seconded by Barry Ward and agreed.

## **13. Report of the Steward of the Rolls of Honour**

(RW 27th April 2007, p443)

In proposing adoption of the report, Andrew Stubbs noted that 30 more names were to be added to the World War I volume, thanks to research by Alan Regin; an electronic version of this Volume was now available and would be copied to the Council's website. The World War II volume would be scanned shortly. George Doughty seconded and adoption of the report was agreed.

## **14. Committee Reports**

(The reports were published in *The Ringing World* supplement of 27th April 2007. The relevant page numbers are shown against each report).

### **(a) Administrative (pp443-444)**

The Hon Secretary referred to the end of the report, where it was noted that the committee reports would be in a special issue of *The Ringing World*. He thanked all the committees that had produced their reports earlier than usual and those that had provided photographs and charts to make the reports more interesting. He congratulated Robert Lewis and *The Ringing World* staff for producing a very special issue. (Applause). The Hon Secretary then proposed

the adoption of the Committee's report and the Vice-President seconded.

Philip Earis was concerned that there had been no wide-ranging review of the Council's structure and asked what action the Administrative Committee intended to take to meet the challenges to ringing. Chris Rogers reminded the meeting that the committee structure was reviewed in 1999 but Council decided against any change. Peter Wilkinson felt that Philip's comments, amplified in that week's issue of *The Ringing World*, were full of criticism but short on constructive solutions.

Adoption of the report was then agreed.

### **(b) Redundant Bells (pp444-445)**

Adoption of the report was proposed by Jane Wilkinson, seconded by Andrew Aspland.

Roger Bailey complained that the report was too vague and did not say what the Committee had done. He asked that there should be a full description of the work done, even if not successful.

Jane Wilkinson noted that the Committee received information of possible redundancies at an early stage from the Church Commissioners and the Council for the Care of Churches, even before the parish might know, and passed that information to the local society. Jane drew attention to the second paragraph of the report and the attached graph, showing future use of redundant churches, adding that a change of use might mean less availability of the bells.

Adoption of the report was then agreed.

### **(c) Ringing Centres (pp445-446)**

In proposing the adoption of the report, Gail Cater noted that the Ringing Centres Conference was held in March 2007 with about 56 present. There were few entries for the Founders Prize for the Encouragement of Young People, only Gresford and the Bishop Ramsay School, Ruislip entering; although both were good entries, it was unanimously agreed by the judges that Ruislip deserved the prize. The Founders Prize for Ringing Centres for 2006 attracted four entries: in ascending order of merit Oadby, Bradpole, Aston Clinton and the winner the Troyte Centre. Two members of the Committee had stood down, Roger Booth (no longer a Representative Member) and Ernie Runciman. Ernie Runciman seconded.

Adoption of the report was agreed.

As Roger had now been elected back on to the Council as an Honorary Member, his re-election to the Committee was agreed.

### **(d) Ringing Trends (pp446-447)**

Adoption of the report was proposed by Beryl Norris, who noted that the initial results being received for Phase I confirmed the age group diagram. In seconding, Alison Hodge presented several slides to illustrate the analysis of the Roadshow questionnaires: while the average age of ringers had increased, those who learnt many years ago had been retained; many more older people were taking up ringing, but encouragingly there were a good number of youngsters starting. About 25% of those questioned had taken a break in their ringing career. New ringers tended to be

attracted by family and friends, by church appeals especially at the time of the Millennium, while some were former choir members – although this source seemed to be on the decline. Beryl thanked those societies who had helped to date; as noted in the report Phil Gay and Jon Waters had stood down and Andrew Howes also now.

Philip Earis felt that those attending the Roadshow might not be typical of membership of societies; links direct with societies would produce a better analysis of trends. Beryl confirmed this was already in hand, albeit with the small risk of double-counting due to duplicate membership.

Adoption of the report was then agreed. There were no nominations to fill the vacancies; however subsequently it was agreed to co-opt Stephen Elwell-Sutton and Mike Till.

The meeting adjourned for tea at 4.15 p.m. and resumed at 4.45 p.m.

### **(e) Towers and Belfries (p447)**

Adoption of the report was proposed by Chris Povey, seconded by Andrew Preston and agreed.

### **(f) Tower Stewardship (p448)**

In presenting the report for adoption, Ernie Runciman briefly updated the meeting with events since the preparation of the Committee's report: a facility to arrange Public Liability insurance through the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group (EIG) had been set up with very competitive premiums; some of the leaflets were now available on the Council's website; there would be a trial workshop to promote the Committee's work to an affiliated society; and the Committee was considering the implications of the Construction, Design and Management regulations to restoration work. Janet Edwards seconded.

Chris O'Mahony congratulated the Committee on its work to date and noted that similar work had been done in Australia; he commented that all the leaflets assumed that all ringers were male! David Stanworth welcomed the work with EIG and asked, in view of the amount of merchandise produced by societies for fund-raising, whether Products Liability was included. Kate responded that this was not so, but suggested a direct approach to EIG with the query.

Adoption of the report was then agreed.

### **(g) Bell Restoration (pp448 and 449)**

Adoption of the report was proposed by Kate Flavell, who said that in view of recent changes to Corporation Tax, the guidance for registering whole societies as charities was being reviewed. The Committee had noticed a fall in new enquiries so far this year and it was understood that this was also the experience of the bellhanging trade: she encouraged representatives to remind their societies of the fund-raising advice available from the Committee. Carol Hardwick seconded.

Adoption of the report was agreed. No nominations for the two vacancies were received.

### **(h) Biographies (pp449 and 450)**

In presenting the report for adoption, Pat Halls corrected an error in the report: John



Blythe represented the Suffolk Guild (not Association). Dinah Rhymmer seconded.

Jane Wilkinson noted that the old Council Handbook included a list of past members; Pat Halls agreed to investigate placing this information on the website.

Adoption of the report was then agreed.

#### (i) Education (p450)

Adoption of the report was proposed by John Harrison, who drew attention to the open course 'Teaching the Teachers' being held in September. The pilot of *The New Ringer's Handbook* was now ready and the views of learners were being sought first. He commended the Framework for Training Ringers as an important aid to training. As Ernie Runciman was standing down, there were now two vacancies on the Committee. Heather Peachey seconded.

Adoption of the report was agreed. No nominations for the vacancies were received.

#### (j) Information and Communications Technology (p450)

In proposing adoption of the report, Mike Chester noted that the Committee was nearly ready to move to a different server; the website front page had been redesigned in conjunction with the Public Relations Committee. In seconding Tina Stoecklin explained that the change in hosting arrangement involved moving 'Dove' to a less expensive host, for which testing was in progress, and ensuring more server facilities for committees; however, with various pressures on committee members, more help with the website would be welcomed.

Adoption of the report was agreed.

#### (k) Library (pp450 and 451)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Mike Davies, who noted that the *Bell News* DVD was almost complete and was being demonstrated that day: it was expected to cost £50. It was hoped to place the Obituary index on the website. The Library was grateful for copies of societies' annual reports. John Eisel seconded.

Adoption of the report was agreed.

#### (l) Methods (p451)

In proposing adoption of the report, the Vice-President noted that the new edition of *Rung Surprise, etc Supplement (to end 2006)* was now on sale; and the XML method collection was also available. Peter Niblett seconded.

Adoption of the report was agreed.

#### (m) Peal Compositions (p451)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Stuart Hutchieson, who acknowledged a recent offer from former Committee member, Roddy Horton, to expand the Spliced Surprise Collection. Richard Allton seconded and adoption of the report was agreed.

#### (n) Peals Analysis (pp451-454)

In proposing adoption of the report, Phillip Barnes noted that 3 more 2006 peals were published since the preparation of the report, bringing the total to 4997. Martin Turner seconded and adoption of the report was agreed.

#### (o) Public Relations (pp454-456)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Judith Rogers, who stressed that the 2008 Roadshow would be the Public Relations event of the Council, with the aim of attracting non-readers of *The Ringing World*. The Committee was grateful to the Ringing World Board for offering to sponsor posters which would shortly be available for representatives to take to their societies, to encourage their members to attend; the general public should also be invited, by displaying the posters on church notice boards. The Roadshow was now in the detailed planning stage and the organising committee would welcome comments and suggestions.

Judith then referred members to the current issue of *The Ringing World*, which had an article about the working group set up to explore how ringing could be highlighted at the Olympics. Although this group was composed of people from within the M25, the Education and Ringing Centres Committees were being invited to join the group, to see how other parts of the country could be involved.

Simon Farrar had resigned from the Committee, but it was proposed to co-opt Neil Donovan as a full member.

In seconding, Peter Robson encouraged member societies to support the Scouting Centenary, with events taking place from 27th July to 8th August. It was hoped to make ringing an important part of the centenary and use this as an opportunity for recruitment.

As the Australian & New Zealand Assn had not replied to the Committee's enquiry, Ian McCulloch reported that daily ringing of Swan bells continued and there were new projects on the East coast of Australia. Janet Edwards thought that the work on the Scouting Centenary was rather late and gave notice of the Guiding Centenary in 2010: Peter acknowledged the lateness, but explained that the Committee could not act until agreement from the scouting authorities was obtained. Alison Caton suggested that a mini-ring be erected at the scouting site: Adrian Semken confirmed that, thanks to George Dawson, the Willoughby Campanile would be at the jamboree and guides were now being taught in readiness for their centenary.

Adoption of the report was then agreed.

#### (p) Publications (p457)

In proposing adoption of the report, John Couperthwaite noted three new publications: *Rung Surprise etc Supplement (to end 2006)*; *Giants of the Exercise, part II*; and a biography of A J Pitman. Derek Jones seconded and adoption of the report was agreed.

#### (q) Records (pp458 and 459)

Adoption of the report was proposed by Richard Allton, who congratulated the band which had rung 72,000 Treble Dodging Minor last month. (Applause). Mike Trimm seconded and adoption of the report was agreed.

### 15. Election of Stewards of the Dove database for 2007-2008

The Revd John Baldwin was proposed by Jane Wilkinson and seconded by Robert Cooles. Tim Jackson was proposed by Michael Church and seconded by the Revd John Baldwin. As

there were no other nominations, the President declared them both elected.

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

(RW 27th April 2007, p459)

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

### 17. Future meetings

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

2008 – Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association

2009 – Worcestershire & Districts Association

2010 – Derby Diocesan Association

2011 – Hereford Diocesan Guild

2012 – Chester Diocesan Guild

Ron Warford outlined plans for the visit of the Council to Newcastle upon Tyne in 2008.

### Attendance

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

### Other Business

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

Anthony Lovell-Wood drew attention to the article about Corporation Tax in the 11th May issue of *The Ringing World* and urged all members to read it carefully.

Jackie Roberts said that the producers of *The Ringing World Diary* had suggested providing a pencil at an insignificant extra cost; on a show of hands there was a large majority against the proposal. Jackie then urged all present to give practical support to *The Ringing World* by encouraging more ringers to subscribe to the paper. In answer to a question on the use of Direct Debits, Jackie explained that there was a considerable saving in administrative time and cost.

Kate Flavell referred back to the earlier debate and commented that a large number of Council members did not sit on any committee, while there were others on more than one committee, and yet there were several unfilled vacancies: it was apparent that some members were keen to be on the Council, but were not prepared to do any work: thus it was clear that some reform was necessary.

The Revd John Scott thanked the President for his conduct of a difficult meeting.

### Votes of Thanks

The President moved a comprehensive vote of thanks to all those involved in the Council's visit to Cheltenham: to the Officers of the Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association: Hugh Evans, Steve Coleman, Philip Twentyman and Mark Davies; to the Central Council representatives, Derek Harbottle, Angela Newing, Robin Shipp, Brian Threlfall and Roy Williams; to members of the Organising

Committee, Liz Coke, Ian Hill and Claire Redstone; to the Cheltenham Branch Officers; and to all the members of the Association who had willingly given assistance on the Help Desk at that day's meeting and throughout the weekend, provided stewards for the tours and acted as Tellers that day; to the Rector of St Mary with St Matthew Cheltenham, the Reverend Andrew Dow, for the use of St Matthew's Church for the Open Meeting and for the Songs of Praise service the previous afternoon at St Mary's Church; to the Bishop of Tewkesbury, the Right Reverend John Went, for leading the prayers at the Songs of Praise; to all those involved in the organisation of the Sunday evening Reception and Dinner and especially the Bishop of Gloucester, the Right Reverend Michael Perham, for his welcome; the Bishop of Bristol, the Right Reverend Mike Hill, for saying grace; to the Dean Close Theatre Manager, David Thompson, for the use of all the facilities there; and to the incumbents and ringers of the churches who had made their bells available to Council members.

The President declared the meeting closed at 5.50 p.m.

## Summary of Attendance

	Members		
	Societies	Present	Absent
Fully represented	49	146	–
Partly represented	15	38	16
Not represented	1	–	1
	65	184	17
Life Members		5	1
Honorary Members		20	1
		209	19



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### Annual Report for 2007

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 2007 were as follows:

President	Mr D E Sibson
Vice-President	Mr A P Smith
Hon Secretary	Mr I H Oram
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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 28th May 2007 the Council's membership comprised 6 Life Members, 21 Honorary Members and 201 Representative Members representing 65 affiliated societies. Since then 1 Life Member and 3 Representative Members have died; 7 Honorary Members retired and 9 who had been elected at that meeting took office. Details of the changes to the Representative Membership are set out in the Appendix below. Subject to any further changes, at the start of the 2008 Council meeting there will be 5 Life Members, 18 Honorary Members and 199 Representative Members. There are three vacancies.

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

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

6. The work of the Council in pursuing this object is for the most part carried out by its seventeen committees and by working groups appointed by them. Summaries of their activities during 2007 are given in the committee reports, which appear elsewhere

on the Council's agenda and are being published in the 25th April 2008 issue of *The Ringing World*.

7. The Accounts for 2007 show Total Funds at the year-end of £351,795, of which £176,577 is in Restricted Funds. The income for the year totalled £43,702, compared with £33,366 in 2006. 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 2008, are available and are likely to be adequate to fulfil the object of the Council in that year. In particular in 2008, there is a financial commitment of £20,000 for the hire of the venue for the 2008 Ringing Roadshow.

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) Publications Fund – the balance represents the stock of publications held and a cash balance to facilitate the production of new titles and the reprinting of existing publications.
- (vi) Library Fund – the balance represents the value of the library which is maintained for use by council members and affiliated societies.

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

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 2008



## Appendix

### Membership of the Council 2008-2010

Arising from the triennial elections of Representative Members by the affiliated societies, the Oxford Society has increased its representation by one, while the Middlesex County Association & London Diocesan Guild has one less member. Of the 199 Representative Members, 162 (81%) were members of the previous Council (of whom three are representing a different society and five were previously Honorary Members) and 37 are new members (of whom four have been members at some time in the past).

41 Representative Members of the previous Council are not returning. Special mention should be made of those who had been members for more than 15 years: Freda Cannon (Ladies Guild) elected 1984; Stuart Flockton (Liverpool Universities Society) elected 1987; Phil Gay (North Staffordshire Association) elected 1987; Michael Henshaw (Beverley & District Society, President 2002-2005) elected 1990; Frank Lewis (Kent County Association) elected 1990; David Manger (Kent County Association) elected 1984; Don Morrison (North American Guild) elected 1990; David Riley (Norwich Diocesan Association) elected 1987, served until 1992 and re-elected 1996; Jean Sanderson (Honorary Member, Ely Diocesan Association) elected 1982; Alan Smith (Suffolk Guild) elected 1984; Andrew Stubbs (Ancient Society of College Youths) elected 1975; and Brian Threlfall (Cambridge University Guild, Honorary Member, served until 1990 and re-elected 1996, Hereford Diocesan Guild, Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association) elected 1954. Thanks are due to these, and all others not returning, for their services to the Council.

## CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

### Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2007

#### 1 Basis of accounting

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

#### 2 Accounting Policies

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

##### 2.1 Incoming resources

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

##### 2.2 Resources expended

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

#### 3 Consistency

The accounts are prepared on a consistent basis with the exception of the following changes applied in 2006,

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

#### 5 Transfers between Funds

There were no transfers between funds in the current year.

#### 6 Tangible Assets and Intangible Assets

The major tangible assets of the Council are the Investments in National Savings Income Bonds, the Fred Dukes International Bell Fund, which is invested in a CAF Bank Limited Gold Account and the Library Collection. The Library Collection is valued at a replacement cost of £64,805. 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

The interest was received from	2007 £	2006 £
National Savings		
Investment Bonds	4,620	3,856
Central Board of Finance of the Church of England Deposit	5,272	4,970
CAF Bank Limited Gold Account	3,809	3,211
Other banks	53	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,754</b>	<b>12,074</b>

#### 8 Committee Expenses – General Fund

These were as follows	2007 £	2006 £
Administrative	904	791
Bell Restoration	283	362
Biographies	16	135
Education	763	697
Information and Communications	446	389
Library	208	315
Public Relations	746	530
Public Relations workshop	0	130
Ringing Centres	401	263
Ringing Centres conference	240	0
Ringing Trends	153	126
Towers & Belfries	293	567
Tower Stewardship	536	196
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,989</b>	<b>4,501</b>

#### 9 Grants

The Fred Dukes International Bell Fund awarded three grants totalling £3,211. Six grants were paid during the year.

	Unpaid 1/1/2007	Awarded in 2007	Paid in 2007	Unpaid 31/12/2007
2005	2,275		-2,275	0
2006	3,671		-921	2,750
2007		3,211	-3,211	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,946</b>	<b>3,211</b>	<b>-6,407</b>	<b>2,750</b>

The Bell Restoration Fund did not award any grants in 2007. A total of eleven grants were paid in the year.

	Unpaid 1/1/2007	Awarded in 2007	Paid in 2007	Unpaid 31/12/2007
2004	5,500		-2,600	2,900
2005	12,400		-6,200	6,200
2006	0		0	0
2007	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,900</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-8,800</b>	<b>9,100</b>

The General Fund awarded one grant in 2007 of £1,000, towards the cost of a John Smith memorial bell at Stanion, Northamptonshire.

#### 10 Charitable Commitments

There were unfulfilled charitable commitments at 31st December 2007 in respect of one grant of £2,750 awarded but not yet paid by the Fred Dukes International Bell Fund, nine grants totalling £9,100 awarded but not yet paid by the Bell Restoration Fund and one grant of £1,000 awarded but not yet paid from the General Fund.

#### 11 Publications Fund

Storage and distribution cost of £1,900 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.

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**CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS**

Registered Charity Number 270036

**Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2007**

	General Fund	Education Courses	Bell Rest- oration Fund	F Dukes Internat'l Bell Fund	Public- ations Fund	Library Fund	Total Funds 2007	Total Funds 2006
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and Expenditure</b>								
<b>Incoming resources:</b>								
Affiliation fees	4,040						4,040	3,060
Subscriptions from Friends of Library						1,619	1,619	1,628
Interest receivable	7,738	54	896	3,809	727	530	13,754	12,074
Sales of publications, books and CDs					13,124	4,384	17,508	12,072
Sales of jigsaw puzzles			1,216				1,216	491
Sales of training video/dvd	154						154	192
Courses and seminars		2,711					2,711	40
Stock written back					1,201		1,201	1,831
Donations	765		609			125	1,499	1,978
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>12,697</b>	<b>2,765</b>	<b>2,721</b>	<b>3,809</b>	<b>15,052</b>	<b>6,658</b>	<b>43,702</b>	<b>33,366</b>
<b>Resources expended:</b>								
Council meeting	2,007						2,007	2,779
Committee expenses	4,989				189		5,178	4,629
Council and other committee costs					229		229	51
Courses and seminars		3,058					3,058	54
Cost of publications sold					7,992		7,992	7,001
PR Posters/Leaflets	890						890	1,644
Library projects						4,284	4,284	7
Library maintenance						347	347	70
Grants	1,000		8,800	6,407			16,207	13,345
Rescue Fund for Redundant Bells							0	5,000
The Ringing Foundation - initial costs	500						500	0
Advertising					2,665		2,665	2,798
Storage and distribution					1,900		1,900	1,800
Stationery, postage & telephone	300	2			12	268	582	259
Insurance	1,351				682		2,033	2,477
Stock written off and disposed of					1,124		1,124	631
Depreciation of Library Collection						1,307	1,307	1,334
Depreciation of shelving						106	106	106
Sundry expenses	30				45		75	30
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>11,067</b>	<b>3,060</b>	<b>8,800</b>	<b>6,407</b>	<b>14,838</b>	<b>6,312</b>	<b>50,484</b>	<b>44,015</b>
<b>Net l/c resources before transfers</b>	<b>1,630</b>	<b>-295</b>	<b>-6,079</b>	<b>-2,598</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>-6,782</b>	<b>-10,649</b>
Transfers between funds	0						0	0
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>1,630</b>	<b>-295</b>	<b>-6,079</b>	<b>-2,598</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>-6,782</b>	<b>-10,649</b>
Balances at 1st January 2007	145,812	2,649	20,656	84,398	25,208	79,854	358,577	369,226
<b>Balances at 31st December 2007</b>	<b>147,442</b>	<b>2,354</b>	<b>14,577</b>	<b>81,800</b>	<b>25,422</b>	<b>80,200</b>	<b>351,795</b>	<b>358,577</b>

**CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS**

Registered Charity Number 270036

**Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2007**

	General Fund	Education Courses	Bell Restoration Fund	Restoration Fund	F Duke's International Bell Fund	Publications Fund	Friends of Library	Total Funds 2007	Total Funds 2006
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>									
<b>Tangible assets</b>									
Investments at cost	90,000				79,050			169,050	171,579
Library Collection							64,805	64,805	65,733
Library shelving							1,696	1,696	1,802
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>90,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>79,050</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>66,501</b>	<b>235,551</b>	<b>239,114</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>									
Stock						9,609	496	10,105	11,452
Debtors and prepayments	8,177					355	220	8,752	8,187
Cash on short term deposit and at bank	53,206	2,354	14,577	2,750	15,943	13,212		102,042	123,677
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>61,383</b>	<b>2,354</b>	<b>14,577</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>25,907</b>	<b>13,928</b>	<b>13,928</b>	<b>120,899</b>	<b>143,316</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>									
Creditors									
Amounts due within one year	3,941					485	229	4,655	3,853
Rescue Fund for Redundant Bells	0							0	20,000
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b>57,442</b>	<b>2,354</b>	<b>14,577</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>25,422</b>	<b>13,699</b>	<b>13,699</b>	<b>116,244</b>	<b>119,463</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>147,442</b>	<b>2,354</b>	<b>14,577</b>	<b>81,800</b>	<b>25,422</b>	<b>80,200</b>	<b>80,200</b>	<b>351,795</b>	<b>358,577</b>
<b>Funds</b>									
Unrestricted	147,442							147,442	145,812
Restricted			14,577	81,800			80,200	176,577	184,908
Designated		2,354			25,422			27,776	27,857
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>147,442</b>	<b>2,354</b>	<b>14,577</b>	<b>81,800</b>	<b>25,422</b>	<b>80,200</b>	<b>80,200</b>	<b>351,795</b>	<b>358,577</b>

Derek Harbottle  
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**THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS**



**TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE**



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

## Administrative Committee

Since the 2007 Council meeting the Committee has met twice in London, in October and March. The arrangements for the 2008 Council meeting were discussed and agreed; the Committee has continued its practice of reviewing the work of Council Committees and received presentations from the Towers and Belfries and Records Committees.

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

**Council website** – since the website provides a service to the Council as a whole as well as many of its Committees, it was appropriate that the ICT Committee should report on problems encountered since the change to Servelocity, whose technical support has been found to be inadequate. A further change has been made to Memset, which, although more expensive than Servelocity, still showed a significant saving compared with Nildram.

**Merger of Committees** – the Committee greeted with enthusiasm a proposal to be presented at the Newcastle meeting to merge the Peals Analysis and Records Committees.

**Ringling Roadshow** – the Officers have committed the General Fund to provide financial support if necessary. They receive copies of the Minutes of the meetings of the organising team.

At both meetings of the Committee the Public Relations Committee has reported on the progress of arrangements, enabling members to make suggestions when appropriate.

The Committee considered the following items from the 2007 Council meeting:

**Guidelines for Committees** – as noted in the Committee's last report, guidelines were agreed and these are now available on the website.

**The Ringling Foundation** – at its October meeting the Committee had expressed concern that little progress appeared to have been made since the Cheltenham meeting. The Company had been incorporated, with a registration number and Memorandum and Articles of Association, but there had been difficulty in setting up the first meeting of the Trustees. This took place on 8th December: the Vice-president was invited to this and a subsequent meeting; at the Committee's March meeting he was able to re-assure members that the Directors were proceeding in a business-like way and would produce an interim report for circulation prior to the Foundation's first AGM on the day of the Council meeting.

**Committee elections** – at the Cheltenham meeting it had been clear that there was some dissatisfaction with the Council's committee structure, but there was no formal request to the Committee to consider the matter. However, during a discussion on how to enable new people to be elected to a particular committee, it became apparent that there was general dissatisfaction with the first meeting of the triennium, particularly the elections of committees. It was suggested that rolling elections might be preferable to the current practice at the triennial meeting, when a significant number of new members would be present, who would be unfamiliar with Council

procedures. It was acknowledged that this had been considered during the Consultation Process of 2001 but along with other suggestions was not proceeded with. The Officers were asked to consider how to address the problem and resurrected the possibility of rolling elections: initially the intention was to propose that one-third of committees be elected each year, but in later e-mail discussions a proposal to elect one-third of the members of each committee each year found more favour. This and various other possibilities were considered at length at the March meeting, the result of which is the Motion that will be presented at Newcastle.

Other matters reported on included:

**Council for the Care of Churches** – a meeting was held on 28th September. The 'Perspectives' conference at Worcester had been attended by both parties and was considered useful; CCC noted that there would be a conference for all Diocesan Bell Advisers next June. CCCBR had been asked by a parish to clarify CCC comments, which had led to a refusal by the Heritage Lottery Fund to award a grant; the Fund did rely on CCC comments, which in this case highlighted the addition of 5 new bells to an existing 3; CCCBR was grateful to CCC for the opportunity to discuss the case. The attention of CCC had been brought to instances of work being carried out by volunteer groups of ringers, without the authority of a faculty; it was noted that Chancellors' de minimis lists did clarify works not requiring a faculty, although there were differences in interpretation.

Subsequent to that meeting Paula Griffiths, the Head of the Cathedral and Church Buildings Division of the Archbishops' Council, who had chaired the meetings, announced that she would be leaving to train for ordination; no new appointment has yet been made, to enable us to have a further meeting.

**English Heritage** – only one meeting has been held, awaiting the appointment of a replacement for Richard Halsey: that meeting took place on 3rd March, when CCCBR representatives met Diana Evans, the new Head of Places of Worship Policy, who had previously been DAC Secretary in the Peterborough Diocese. No progress has been made by EH in preparing a specification for recording bellframes. The original proposal to rewrite all Grade 1 list descriptions would not be pursued due to lack of resources, but the Heritage Protection Review could introduce new ways of describing Designated places of worship. CCCBR asked if EH's presentation at the 'Perspectives' conference could be published in *The Ringing World*. The Heritage White Paper, which, amongst other matters, included a review of the Ecclesiastical Exemption, was unlikely to have a major impact on bell work and it was not expected to come into force until 2010.

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## Managing External Pressures

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

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

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

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## Towers and Belfries Committee

It is difficult to remember another year that has been so dramatic for the Committee. Sadly, it included the deaths of two long-serving members of great experience and high regard, John Scott in July, and then Harry Windsor in August. The Committee is undoubtedly weakened by the loss of these two members. John had huge experience of old and historic installations, and of Devon and the South-West in particular. Harry was, of course, famed for his pioneering work on monitoring and understanding the nature of tower movement, for which, at Coventry Cathedral, he was awarded the MBE.

For the first time in many years the Committee met only twice, but this was not by design. Cancellation of the July meeting was forced upon us by the record-breaking floods that occurred that month. Our intended venue was Evesham, which, by the time of our proposed meeting, had traffic chaos on its roads and RAF helicopters air-lifting residents of inundated properties to safety less than 300 yards from where we were to meet. As if to compensate for this, and in substantial fashion, our November meeting was held in the grandeur of Christchurch College, Oxford, after ringing a gloriously-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in the morning at St Thomas's in memory of John and Harry.

Lastly, after a delay, Arnold Smith emigrated to New Zealand to be close to his daughter and her family.

Our principal work continues to be the inspections of towers and bell installations for PCCs, and giving advice on all aspects of bells and bell maintenance. 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 Central Council's liaison group that meets twice-yearly with English Heritage and with the Council for the Care of Churches.

Tower monitoring has been undertaken at Halewood and at St Lawrence, Ipswich, the latter the oldest ring of 5 in the country, but unrun due to fears for the tower fabric. Tower monitoring work has understandably been affected by Harry's passing, although we are lucky that William has worked alongside Harry on this subject for a long while. Nonetheless there is inevitably a large bundle of notes and other material that Harry compiled, and William and Andrew are gradually sifting through the items.

In addition to tower monitoring, the Committee has given advice on a variety of subjects concerning bells and towers as follows: seven general inspections of towers, including three to assess the viability of installing new rings (two seem very likely); two towers regarding sound control, plus a request (politely but firmly declined) to make comments to a local newspaper about noise complaints from bells in one parish; general maintenance of bells to one tower; lightning conductor information to one tower; details regarding structural surveys to three towers; factors regarding radio aerial installation to two towers; bell ball bearing advice to one

tower; and lastly advice regarding single-bell installations to two towers. One very interesting request was advice on installing a bell rope in an obscure single-bell tower somewhere in the United States (it's quite amazing what the internet brings in)!

Members continued to give support to the Bath & Wells DA's annual Bell Maintenance Course, and to a new bell maintenance course for the Truro Guild. The Committee continues a willingness to run courses on belfry maintenance.

The Chairman spoke about the work of the Committee at the 'Perspectives' seminar at Worcester.

The Committee has, through the liaison meetings, tried to encourage a statement from English Heritage on the material and methods to be used for building-in bellframe supporting grillage beams to tower walls. Although there are occasional errors of judgement committed by Supervising Professionals who disbelieve the need for solidly building-in ends to prevent tower damage, a high profile case in East Anglia highlighted very much the need for a quasi-official 'code of practice', so that similar instances in future can be eliminated or greatly reduced. Unfortunately English Heritage does not yet feel in a position to provide such written advice on this subject. In the absence of an EH statement, the Committee has agreed to provide a statement.

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 is happy to advise on H&S issues that are specific to towers and belfries. We pass on our deliberations to the TSC.

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.

We continue to monitor bellrope manufacture. The situation has worsened significantly with one manufacturer deciding recently to cease production. Steeplekeepers are advised to pay close attention to the ropes in their care, ensuring that ropes are well looked after. Where new ropes are required, orders should be placed well in advance of them needing to be used.

Hugh has decided not to stand again due to business commitments, and we thank him for the time he has given the Committee. Some spare places on the Committee will definitely derive and will need to be filled at the coming elections. Although the Committee has traditionally included members who are professionally-qualified in the relevant subjects, a look down the current members list will show that some members are not. Further professionally-qualified people are always sought, but there is room for those not qualified in that way, who nonetheless have a deep interest in things technical and experience of bells and bell installations. The ability to liaise with church representatives, to undertake inspections carefully and then record the event

and make recommendations in standard report format in good English is important.

One of the strengths of this Committee is having a good spread of members across the country; not only to offer a good service to PCCs, but to collect items from a wide and therefore more diverse area for discussion at a central forum, and then to be able to disperse the agreed solutions back out in the interests of consistent practice. It is impossible to know the composition of the Committee until after the elections, particularly after losing so many members as this year, but a guess would suggest some representation in the South-East and the North (West or East) is likely to be useful in pursuing this ideal. Meetings are held centrally in February, July and November.

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## Tower Stewardship Committee

Last year we reported on our initial contact and meetings with Ecclesiastical Insurance Group (EIG) and our intentions for future meetings with them, our aim to publish a series of leaflets to be sent to all towers and our hopes to run workshops for towers or associations.

### Work to date

By the time of the May Council meeting we will have met twice, in London and Newcastle. We have progressed the plan to meet regularly with EIG, and will meet with them again on 11 April. We were delighted that, following our earlier meeting, EIG were able to offer societies affiliated to the Council public liability insurance at very much lower rates than most were previously paying. We believe a number of societies have taken up this excellent deal, and we are aware of considerable appreciation of it by many. While this sort of success is going to be difficult to repeat, we believe our ongoing relationship with EIG will continue to benefit ringers in a variety of smaller ways.

We have also been in contact with the Church of England's new Child Protection Adviser about the topic of child protection again, as this remains an area of concern to ringers. While each diocese has its own child protection guidelines, based on those issued by the C of E, many dioceses and parishes have been happy to accept the Council guidelines for ringers. We are continuing to benefit from earlier work in publishing and widely distributing these guidelines, as they retain their official look and feel and (unlike the

Church's) are practical and sensible. In general ringers are also able to support the Council's guidelines. Early contact with the Adviser revealed that there have been changes in personnel within the C of E and they are beginning a review of their guidelines and are keen to take external input. They appear sympathetic to ringers' position. We were hoping to meet again in April so as to be able to update CC members at the Council meeting, but that meeting has now been deferred to later this year. We believe that regular future contact with the Adviser on this subject, as with EIG, will be of ongoing benefit to ringers.

When we came to consider the leaflets, we were concerned that they would quickly become out of date and thus of limited use. We felt that we could better help ringers by making them available on the internet only, as this way we would be able to keep them up-to-date; ringers would know where to look for information and they could be confident that it was current. So far we have completed leaflets on Tower Management, Child Protection in Towers, Church Law in Relation to Bells, Fire Risk Assessment, Insurance and Ringing and Tower Safety and Risk Assessment. These have been on the Council's website for some time and we have taken steps to make their availability easier to see on the site. Hard copies have also been distributed when requested by those without internet access.

We now have a booking for a prototype workshop - Lancashire Association on the day of their AGM, Saturday 26 April.

### Future Work

The Committee works by using the specialist knowledge, experience and contacts of its members to point ringers in the right direction for answers when they come to us with queries. We aim to keep up-to-date with new and changing relevant legislation, keep the leaflets up-to-date and identify as early as possible any potential future external problems likely to affect ringers and bells. This year we have identified updates needed to the leaflets already, as well as considering new legislation on vulnerable groups.

During the next twelve months we wish to build on relationships we have begun with both EIG and the C of E's Child Protection Adviser to help those organisations understand ringing and ringers and to help ringers understand what they need to do to help make the relationship work well for everyone.

### Child Protection & Bell Ringing

Always have two adults present when children are being taught

Invite parents of any trainees to come and watch a training session before allowing their child to start to learn. Require a parent to attend the first training session and ensure that the parent fully understands what is involved in learning to ring

Make sure a parent is responsible for delivering the child to and collecting the child from the tower

Ask parents to sign a 'permission to learn to ring' form  
Keep an attendance register

Be aware of the insurance position for children  
Never allow children up amongst the bells apart from an initial demonstration visit if it is safe to have one

For tower outings get parents to sign a detailed permission form. Organisers should be aware of Health and Safety and other issues: for example, it is inadvisable for a child to travel alone in a car with an adult

### Committee Structure

We are still not sure a permanent committee is really needed, but we still have work to do and would like to continue with a smaller committee (5) to finish off current tasks. If a large charity had paid staff the work of this committee is the sort of thing a permanent paid staff would do, and we wonder if there is in fact a need for a small "Secretary's Committee", which could call on known specialists when needed, rather than having them on a permanent committee. We would like this to be considered in any forthcoming review of Council Committees.

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### Bell Restoration Committee

The Committee met three times in 2007; in Bristol in February, in Cheltenham in May during the Council weekend, and in London in October.

We are very sorry to report that Robin Shipp, who joined the Committee in 2004, ceased to be a Council member during the year. His contribution to the work of the Committee had been invaluable and included the design and production of the Committee's striking display boards at the 2005 Roadshow and the co-ordination of the 2007 Ringing World Calendar.

### Provision of Information and Advice

In September and October guidelines on the advisability, or otherwise, of registering entire ringing societies as charities following taxation changes effective from April 2006, were reviewed and updated by Kate Flavell. These were published on the Central Council website in November 2007.

The Committee had for some time recognized the need for a helpful guide to the workings of the Landfill Communities Fund (formerly the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme) which had since its inception paid out £49 million to churches and historic buildings. In September Jackie Roberts completed work on a comprehensive overview of this potentially valuable source of funding. This also was published on the Central Council website in November 2007.

We continued to receive requests for general fundraising advice from parishes across the United Kingdom at around the same level as in 2006. Of the forty or so parishes that made contact during the year, twenty-nine were doing so for the first time. The total number of FunderFinder enquiries was slightly down on the 2006 figure – twenty-four were received – and searches were made on behalf of twelve projects.

Most of the committee enquiries are dealt with by telephone, post or e-mail but, as we advertise in our Brochure, we are also willing

to travel to address fund-raising meetings and in February 2007 John Barnes crossed the Solent to meet fund-raisers from several Isle of Wight churches planning restoration work. In September John represented the Committee at the 'Perspectives' conference at Worcester and gave a presentation.

Committee Members represented the Central Council at a number of dedication services, and were invited to more than could be attended. The Committee appreciates the invitations, which indicate that the work we do in support of parishes is valued.

Using the same definition used in previous such surveys of five or more bells, we conducted a survey of unringable bells in the British Isles. This has shown that the number of such towers has fallen by 123 since 1995 to 399. We acknowledge the help of Society officers in carrying out this survey. In the light of the information now contained in the online version of *Dove's Guide*, it is unlikely that we will repeat this survey, but it provides a benchmark for comparison purposes.

We had preliminary discussions with a film maker keen to make a film about ringing to support fund raising for his own tower's restoration project. He was confident of being able to obtain a grant to make the film, but is finding this harder than he had first thought. We are keeping in touch.

### Administration of Funds

The Committee has been assisting the Manifold Trust for many years by the provision of administrative support. The Trust offered three grants totalling £10,500 early in 2007.

As reported last year, the Trust has advised us that no further grants will be made. Not long after learning of this decision, we heard of the sad death of Sir John Smith, whose interest in bells had enabled the Trust to be so generous in assisting the restoration of unringable bells. As announced in *The Ringing World*, there is to be a bell cast in memory of Sir John, to augment the unringable four bells at Stanion, Northamptonshire, when they are restored. We are most grateful that the Council's Officers have agreed to our suggestion of a contribution from the Council of £1,000 to the cost of this work.

To reflect the discontinuance of grants for bell restoration from the Manifold Trust, changes are needed to the criteria for grants from the CC BRF to delete references to Manifold grants. The revised criteria are attached. No other changes are recommended.

No significant income has been received by the Central Council Bell Fund, to permit us to invite grant applications during the year. However, there is a considerable amount of work involved in following up the progress of projects where grants have already been offered, especially in those cases where delays occur. We appreciate the work put in by Stella Bianco in raising money for the BRF by producing and selling jigsaws with ringing themes. We plan to sell more of these at the Roadshow this year and are hoping to enable people to order in advance and pick them up at the Roadshow.





*Fourways Gardens,  
Johannesburg*

In accordance with the terms of the Fund, the Fred E. Dukes International Bell Fund offered the following grants: South Africa: Fourways Gardens, Johannesburg – £1,000; Australia: St George's Cathedral, Perth – £740 and St Augustine's Catholic Church, Balmain – £1,471.

### Future Work

The contents of the booklet Organising a Bell Restoration Project are being kept under regular review in the light of developments in the world of fundraising and taxation and we are looking into the feasibility and usefulness of making available updated copies of the booklet's Appendices on the Central Council website.

The Committee will also be working on guidance for parishes to use when they are letting contracts in association with restoration projects. The guidance will seek to ensure that adequate weight and attention is given to factors other than cost.

We are also intending to remind treasurers and independent examiners of the need to comply with the new accounting Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) that has been in force since 2005 but is still not being followed by some charities.



*The Sallies jigsaw puzzle  
(Photo by Anthony Bianco)*

We are looking forward to participating in the 2008 Roadshow when members of the Committee will be available to answer questions and to offer advice. A selection of information leaflets will be available to take away.

We have not completely abandoned all thoughts of seeking practical advice from professional fundraisers but work on this topic has been put 'on the back burner' for the time being whilst we watch with great interest the progress made by The Ringing Foundation Limited in encouraging organisations and institutions to invest in bells and bell ringers.

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### Criteria for allocating CCBRF grants and loans

- 1.0 Applications will be considered for the following:
  - 1.1 Restoration or augmentation work to existing bell installations, or the provision of new bell installations, in any country in the World where the bells are, or are to be, hung for full circle ringing.
  - 1.2 Costs of structural and other ancillary work integral to the bell installation will be considered when these are in addition to work on the bell installation.
  - 1.3 Loans or guarantees (when funds allow) to the bell restoration funds (BRFs) of societies affiliated to the Central Council, where the trustees may wish to make offers or promises of future grants in excess of the money currently available in their funds.
- 2.0 Offers of grants, loans or guarantees will normally be made from the Fund only if:
  - 2.1 Support and approval for the project are to be given by the local ringing society, and
  - 2.2 Support and approval for the project are given by the PCC or other appropriate authority, and
  - 2.3 There is in place an existing band of ringers or the project plans include a firm commitment to recruit and train a band, and
  - 2.4 Consideration has been given to the need to include any form of sound control within the project specification.

### Priorities

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

### Administration and Operation

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

### Biographies Committee

The Committee met once during the year at Cheltenham in May.

The Committee has kept busy throughout the last year contacting past and present CC members in order to obtain details of their ringing careers. In addition to seeking information from those who have never provided any, we have been trying to update our records so that they date from this century: some members had not given any further details since the mid-1950s! We continue to experience difficulties in obtaining contact addresses, both e-mail and postal. Also it has been clear that recently several e-mails have gone astray.

Further progress has been made in writing up details of deceased members.

Once again we should like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have



taken the time to fill in their biography forms and to return them to the Chairman. We would also like to plead with those who still have a form awaiting attention to complete and return it.

The following former member died during 2006 but his death has not been previously notified to the Council:

Eric Billings, Peterborough Diocesan Guild, 1962-1989, Honorary Member 1991-1996, attended 29 meetings, died 18th July 2006

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

Douglas Anthony Roland May, Guildford Diocesan Guild, 1963-1971, attended 8 meetings, died 24th February 2007

Deryk Roger Bugler, Dorset County Association, 1994 to date, attended 13 meetings, died 16th April 2007

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

Martin Cubitt, Norwich Diocesan Association, 1969-1977, attended 9 meetings, died 1st July 2007

The Reverend Prebendary John Gilbert Mortimer Scott, Guild of Devonshire Ringers, 1954-1985, Honorary Member 1987-1998, Life Member to date, attended 52 meetings, died 9th July 2007

Keith Nicholas Buckingham, Lincoln Diocesan Guild, 2003-2005, Shropshire Association 2007 to date, attended 4 meetings, died 25th July 2007

Harry Mellows Windsor MBE, Coventry Diocesan Guild, 1959 and 1963 to date, attended 45 meetings, died 16th August 2007

Clare Higby, Ladies Guild, 1981-1995, attended 14 meetings, died 25th August 2007

Joan Summerhayes (nee Beresford), Ladies Guild, 1963-1980, attended 18 meetings, died 11th September 2007

John Stanley Mason, Ancient Society of College Youths, 1957-1959 and 1966-1974, attended 10 meetings, died 25th October 2007

Richard Francis Bentinck Speed, Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild 1954-1956, Honorary Member 1958-1977, Peterborough Diocesan Guild 1978-1980, Honorary Member 1982-1987, Worcestershire & Districts Association 1990-2004, attended 39 meetings, died 22nd November 2007

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JANE MASON  
DINAH RHYMER  
DEBORAH THORLEY  
BRIAN THRELFALL

## Education Committee

The Committee met three times at Wellesbourne, Warwickshire. There are currently ten members for twelve places.

**Courses** – The Committee ran a national ‘Teaching the Teachers’ weekend course in September, and also delivered day courses for local societies on listening and on teaching bell control. We have also recently developed an email based mentoring scheme for people wishing to develop their conducting skills. The pilot phase of this has gone well and we feel it complements our training course provision which principally aims to support teachers and leaders of ringing.

**Publications and resources** – Ten pilot copies of *The New Ringer’s Book* were distributed to selected ‘learners’ for evaluation during the summer. This generated a strong positive response, as well as much practical feedback on points of detail. At the year end, the book was in major final revision, with a photo shoot to produce higher quality pictures planned for January 2008. We have worked closely with the Publications Committee on practical details and pricing for this strategically important publication which we aim to hand over by the Summer. Pip Penney’s new book, *Teaching Unravelling*, has been through several revisions, and should also be completed during 2008. Progress with the ‘Tower Captain’s Resource’ has been slower than hoped but a growing selection of resources are now available via the Committee website, and we aim to promote this tool kit at the 2008 Roadshow. The year ended with delivery of the 4th (and last) volume of *The Learning Curve* to the Publications Committee.

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

**Network for Ringing Training (NRT)** – Membership remains static around 500, with the discussion list used by about 60% of members. The backlog of indexed summaries for members has been made up thanks to Martin Mansley. Progress of discussions with the ICT Committee about hosting mailing services on the CC server has been slow.

**Framework for Training Ringers** – The Framework was revised in response to feedback from pilot users, and presented at the Open Meeting in Leicester in May. Almost all feedback has been positive, and some societies are promoting it. The information is available for download from the Committee website.

**Ringing Foundation** – The out-going chairman led the group that developed the proposal, adopted by Council in May, to form a Ringing Foundation. The Committee has considered ideas for productive use of future funds that could be made available by the 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, towers and individuals by whatever means is most effective.

**Membership** – Many of the current Committee, including the outgoing chairman, will not be standing for re-election for the new triennium, so we look forward to welcoming new members with new ideas to help us develop the Committee’s future work.

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JOHN HARRISON (*Chairman 2007*)  
HEATHER PEACHEY (*Secretary*)  
STUART FLOCKTON  
GEOFF HORRITT  
CATHERINE LEWIS  
FRANK LEWIS  
SIMON LINFORD  
MARTIN MANSLEY  
PIP PENNEY

## Information and Communications Technology Committee

The workload of the “technical” members of this Committee remains high, and except when things go wrong, this work remains behind the scenes. Tina Stoecklin, despite adding a daughter to her family and undergoing a temporary overseas assignment with her family, spent a great deal of time planning and executing the move of the website to a more flexible service provider. We also thank John and Sid Baldwin for their significant assistance in this project. Towards the end of the year Aidan Hopkins volunteered to help with server administration. He brings a lot of experience to the team and has already made a significant contribution. Peter Trotman remains responsible for most of the content of the webpages except for those of the Education and Ringing Trends Committees, covered by Frank Lewis and of the Records Committee, maintained by Richard Allton.

We have experienced a few interruptions in the availability of the website, and therefore also of Dove’s Guide online. Although most of the causes are now understood and corrective action has been taken we are very much aware that the Internet is constantly growing and new security and availability risks will continue to emerge. We appreciate prompt error reports direct to both <[webmaster@cccbr.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@cccbr.org.uk)> and <[serveradmin@cccbr.org.uk](mailto:serveradmin@cccbr.org.uk)> to help us take prompt corrective action.

The content of the website continues to grow. A clickable map of UK Ringing Centres has been added and can be found at <http://www.cccbr.org.uk/ringingcentres/map/> and the presentation of Ringable/Unringable Towers analysis has been enhanced. The design of a better interface to the website for non-ringers is being discussed with the Public Relations Committee. Work is also underway on adding the Rolls of Honour, updated with much new data researched by Alan Regin.

Mike Till continues to provide support and assistance in upgrading content of the Felstead database.

Andrew Craddock maintains the on-line Felstead database and scripts. PealBase provides the data for the post 1989 peals.

Alan Chantler has undergone serious medical treatment during the year and we wish him a swift recovery.

### DO YOU WANT INFORMATION?

*Do you want to borrow a book?*

Contact the Central Council Librarian:

John Eisel, 10 Lugg View Close,  
Hereford HR1 1JF. Tel: 01432 271141  
[jceisel@btinternet.com](mailto:jceisel@btinternet.com)

Don Morrison and Peter Trotman have stood down as Representative Members from the North American Guild and will therefore not be standing for re-election to this Committee in 2008. We thank Don for his work with us and feel sure that he will continue to offer his words of wisdom in our email discussions. Peter continues to volunteer his services. We are most grateful that he will be doing so as he has made a significant contribution to our work over many years.

MIKE CHESTER (*Chairman*)  
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TINA STOECKLIN  
MIKE TILL  
PETER TROTMAN  
ANDREW CRADDOCK (*Consultant*)  
AIDAN HOPKINS (*Consultant*)

## Library Committee

### Achievements in the past year

The Library Committee has for some years had a rolling programme of projects. Over the last several years the Committee has been working together on one of these as a team, led most recently by Paul Johnson *viz.* the project of providing every single page, including advertisements, of all the issues of *Bell News*, which was published between 1881 and 1915, on a single DVD. This project has dominated the work of the Committee for a number of years and finally, towards the end of 2007, it was completed and the discs were put on sale. At the time of writing a hundred DVD's have been sold and more sales are expected throughout 2008 at the Central Council meeting and the Ringing Roadshow. Each member of the Committee was asked to test one of the DVD's before they were released for sale to see if they could find any problems in their use. All agreed that the disc was fit for purpose and it was then put on general sale. It is important to emphasise that the *Bell News* disc has been deliberately engineered to be used solely as a disc and is designed not to be copied to the computer's hard disc. Much time was spent on quality assurance and it was concluded that, since the images were inevitably obtained from bound volumes, it was not possible to avoid blackening of the images at the bound edge.

Meanwhile, over the last twelve months, John Eisel's work of typing up Cyril Wratten's extracts of ringing news from 18th Century newspapers continued. These are eventually to be published with illustrations and an index.

A piece about the Revd. W. C. Lukis notebook recently purchased for the library resulted in an article by the Library Steward being published in *The Ringing World*.

The Library is striving to collect copies of all the Society annual reports and at the next Council Meeting it is intended that Societies which have stopped sending them to the Library should be reminded.

The Newsletter for the Friends of the Central Council Library is published with the usual

letter from the Chairman of the Library Committee, and an Article by the Library Steward entitled *Collectors of Ringing Books* giving background on collectors and donors of ringing books over the years.

### Problems encountered and steps to overcome them

The Central Council Library computer had seen sterling service over many years and was showing its age. The Committee has agreed the purchase of an up-to-date machine with a broadband facility.

### Plans for next year

A rolling programme of projects has been identified which will be continued and added to. Work on the 18th Century newspaper abstracts is, as mentioned above, being continued apace. Other projects for the next triennium are Trollope, obituary index and badge catalogue.

### Committee meetings

Two Committee meetings have taken place since the 2007 CCCBR meeting as well as telephone and e-mail contact.

### Have any Terms of Reference reviews taken place and any recommendations?

The Committee has operated the existing terms of reference since 2002 and is agreed at this stage that the existing terms of reference for the work of the Committee are appropriate to the work of the Library.

### Any consideration of disbanding/merging the Committee?

The Committee believes that it is essential that a library has a group of appropriate persons to support, advise and work with the Library Steward in his/her management of the Library, as happens in most libraries. The Committee consists of 5 members and the Steward, who is *ex officio* and each member of the Committee carries out designated tasks.

MIKE DAVIES (*Chairman*)  
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CHRIS RIDLEY  
JEAN SANDERSON  
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## Methods Committee

The Methods Committee held three meetings during the year, in Winchester on 7 January (*RW* p.272), in Kensal Green on 25 March (*RW* p.431) and in Redhill (Notts) on 14 October.

The definitive method collections on the Committee's website ([www.methods.org.uk](http://www.methods.org.uk)) continue to be updated on a weekly basis. We are grateful to Julian Morgan for regularly running independent consistency checks.

A Supplement to *Rung Surprise, Delight, Treble Bob and Alliance methods* covering the methods rung during 2006 was available at the Council meeting and we will be preparing a new edition of *Rung Surprise, Delight, Treble Bob and Alliance methods* containing methods rung to the end of 2007.

A document explaining the aims, objectives and high-level structure of the XML specification, for exchanging method information between computer applications, was prepared and the availability of the revised schema and XML versions of the method collections was announced at the Council meeting.

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 Major methods in *The Ringing World Diary 2008*. By using a mixture of diagram formats we were able to include many more methods and suitable compositions. We are grateful to Martin Bright for permission to use his method printing software and for implementing some specific enhancements at our request. We also made some further improvements to the Minor, Royal and Maximus methods changed the previous year. At Tony Bishop's suggestion the table of Minor touches now shows calling positions from the 2nd as well as the tenor. As the deadline next year is earlier we will be concentrating on improving the readability of the new diagrams and making some minor corrections.

As usual, we have answered many enquiries about methods, method names and method extension. Most enquiries are received by email and, to ensure continuity, a new address [methods@cccb.org.uk](mailto:methods@cccb.org.uk) has been introduced.

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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 main work of the Committee continues to be the production of regular pages of compositions for publication in *The Ringing World*. We are grateful that pages continue to be published at a healthy rate of approximately one per month. This year's compositions have been as varied as ever and are invited via [compositions@ringing.org](mailto:compositions@ringing.org). Last year we began to produce quarter peal pages in response to requests from several parties. Whilst these have been generally well received they have not yet attracted a wide response from contributors.

The Committee continues work on several new print collections. The Stedman Caters and Cinques collection and Handbell collection have progressed during the year and should be concluded this year. Updates of Popular Major and Spliced Surprise collections are in the pipeline. Work on a new Spliced Minor Collection has sadly stalled and we hope to attract new members with the skills and enthusiasm to progress this project.



The on-line collection currently contains over 9,000 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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PHILIP SADDLETON  
MICHAEL WILBY (*Co-opted*)

## Peals Analysis Committee

We have recorded a total of 5088 peals rung in 2007 and published in *The Ringing World*, of which 4428 were on tower bells and 660 on handbells. The revised total for 2006 was 4998 – making a net increase of 90. The increase was largely due to an increase of 80 in the number of tower bell peals compared to 2006. Full details are included in the methods table that accompanies this report. The Oxford Diocesan Guild remains the leading society with 385 peals (34 less than in 2006), followed by the Yorkshire Association with 311. Twenty societies rang over 100 peals in 2007 compared with 16 in 2006. Please see the separate table for details of peals rung for individual societies.

The Committee met once, in February in Flitwick, to finalise records for 2007, to agree the format of the report and to discuss other issues including the future of the committee. In recent years the work of the committee has been facilitated by the timely and accurate data from *The Ringing World* and [peals.co.uk](http://peals.co.uk) and the work in producing the Analysis has been much reduced. Given the overlap between the functions of our committee, and that of the Records Committee we have initiated discussions with that committee regarding the merger of the two committees. These have been positively received by the Records Committee and we shall be bringing a motion to the Council meeting which, if accepted, will merge the two committees.

Did you know that *The Ringing World's* [peals.co.uk](http://peals.co.uk) website has an automatically updated list of

leading peal-ringers

[www.peals.co.uk/ringers\\_top50.asp](http://www.peals.co.uk/ringers_top50.asp),

conductors [www.peals.co.uk/conductors\\_top50.asp](http://www.peals.co.uk/conductors_top50.asp),

towers

[www.peals.co.uk/towers\\_top50.asp](http://www.peals.co.uk/towers_top50.asp),

handbell locations

[www.peals.co.uk/hndlocs\\_top50.asp](http://www.peals.co.uk/hndlocs_top50.asp)

and guilds

[www.peals.co.uk/guilds\\_top50.asp](http://www.peals.co.uk/guilds_top50.asp)?

Check it out!

## Peals not complying with the Decisions on Peal Ringing

We have identified no peals published in *The Ringing World* as peals that do not comply with Decision D (Parts A-D) relating to peal ringing. A letter from the 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. All individual methods where 15 or more peals were rung in 2007 are included. An 'Other' category is included for completeness.

## Towers

The following 78 towers had 10 or more peals in 2007: (76 in 2006)

- 58 Meldreth
- 55 Leeds (R.C. Cath)
- 52 Huntsham
- 48 Thorverton
- 47 Oxford (St Thomas)
- 42 Loughborough (Bell Foundry)
- 32 Belper (St Peter), Marston Bigot (Pig 1e Tower)
- 28 Burnley (St Peter), Keele(Woodlands), Shoreditch
- 27 Ipswich (Old Stoke)
- 26 East Ilsley
- 24 Milton (Oxon)
- 22 Birmingham (St Paul), Bishopstoke (St Mary)
- 21 Saltby, York (St Laurence)
- 20 Isleworth, Maidstone (All Saints), Oxford (St Mary Magd), Rotherham (All Saints), Sproxtton, Walkden
- 19 Amersham, Birmingham Cathedral, Thatcham
- 18 London (Cripplegate)
- 17 Leicester (St Mary-de-Castro), Newcastle Cathedral, Northallerton, Terling
- 16 South Croydon, Grundisburgh, Maidstone (St Michael), Sheffield (Dore), Windsor (St John)
- 15 Lundy Island, Wandsworth (Holy Trinity)
- 14 Birmingham (St Martin), Spitalfields
- 13 Barrow Gurney, Bushey, New York, South Petherton, Stratton St Margaret, Willesden
- 12 Aldeburgh, Bristol (St Stephen), Burghill, Withycombe Raleigh, Harrogate (St Wilfrid), Heywood, Hughenden, Shepton Beauchamp, Stourbridge (Amblecote)
- 11 Edgbaston, Birstwith, Bishopsteignton (Bishops Ting Tong), Trumpington, Exeter (Pinhoe), Knottingley, Melbourne (Derbys), Middleton (Gtr Man), Whitley Bay, Worcester (All Saints)
- 10 Northfield, Buckfastleigh, Chilcompton (St John), Edinburgh (St Cuthbert), Farnworth and Kearsley, Gloucester (St Mary de Crypt), Moulton (N'hants), Reading (St Laurence), Sheffield Cathedral, Towcester, Worcester Cathedral, York (St Martin)

## First pealers and firsts as conductor

There were 154 first pealers in 2007 (166 in 2006) and 32 firsts as conductor (33 in 2006). We congratulate all those involved in these performances, particularly where several firsts were included in one peal. The numbers of first pealers continue a slow decline and are once again the lowest for several years.

## Corrections to the 2006 Analysis

There are a number of alterations to the 2006 Analysis due to late publication as detailed below.

Corrections relate to tower bells except where specified.

Beverley & District	Major -1
Durham & Newcastle	Major +1
Llandaff & Monmouth	Major +1
London County	Triples & Major -1
Middlesex & London	Triples & Major +1
Southwell	Minor +2
Non-Affiliated	Maximus (h'bells) +1

The amended methods analysis for 2006 is shown in the 2007 methods table, which forms part of this report. Revised totals for 2006 are: tower bells 4348, handbells 650, total 4998.

Details of the adjustments are available from the Chairman.

## The Felstead Project

The committee continues to receive 2-3 corrections per week for the Felstead database and there is no sign of this work on correcting and updating the data reducing. It follows that it will need to be a key task of the new merged Peals Records Committee (if this merger is approved by the Council) and we hope that this new committee should be given sole responsibility for the data and its upkeep.

Discussions are taking place within the wider ringing community (notably on the Ringing Chat mailing list) about rationalisation of the various peals databases in existence. While this may have a great deal of merit, it is essential that the required data and its provenance be considered before technical issues of database design if such a single database is to be a worthwhile historical record.

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## Analysis of Peals by method and change on year

Analysis of Peals by method and change on year							TOWER			HAND		
	TOWER			HAND			2007	2006	plus/minus	2007	2006	plus/minus
<b>Sixteen</b>	6	3	3	0	2	-2						
<i>Septuples/Sixteen</i>	1	0	1	0	0	0						
<i>Septuples</i>	1	4	-3	0	0	0						
<i>Fourteen</i>	5	3	2	1	1	0						
<i>Septuples/Fourteen</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0						
<i>Septuples</i>	2	2	0	0	0	0						
<b>Maximus</b>												
<i>Spliced Surprise</i>	14	18		4	3							
<i>Other spliced</i>	14	21		1	4							
<i>Bristol Surprise</i>	50	56		2	5							
<i>Cambridge Surprise</i>	65	46		7	5							
<i>Yorkshire Surprise</i>	58	49		10	3							
<i>Other single Surprise</i>	42	37		9	16							
<i>Other</i>	8	10		6	7							
<b>Maximus Total</b>	251	237	14	39	43	-4						
<b>Cingres/Maximus</b>	5	9	-4	0	0	0						
<b>Cingres</b>												
<i>Stedman</i>	87	90		26	8							
<i>Other</i>	11	18		0	3							
<b>Cingres Total</b>	98	108	-10	26	11	15						
<b>Royal</b>												
<i>Spliced Surprise</i>	51	61		5	5							
<i>Bristol Surprise</i>	91	86		4	1							
<i>Cambridge Surprise</i>	104	83		26	8							
<i>Lincolnshire Surprise</i>	15	18		7	2							
<i>London No 3 Surprise</i>	63	78		4	3							
<i>Swindon Surprise</i>	26	13		0	0							
<i>Yorkshire Surprise</i>	98	87		11	13							
<i>Other single Surprise</i>	124	128		20	17							
<i>Single Delight</i>	38	37		4	3							
<i>Kent/Oxford TB</i>	1	1		27	30							
<i>Plain Bob</i>	9	9		13	21							
<i>Other</i>	6	11		2	1							
<b>Royal Total</b>	626	612	14	123	104	19						
<b>Caters/Royal</b>	2	3	-1	0	0	0						
<b>Caters</b>												
<i>Grandsire</i>	70	67		1	11							
<i>Stedman</i>	92	71		12	5							
<i>Other</i>	7	10		0	2							
<b>Caters Total</b>	169	148	21	13	18	-5						
<b>Major</b>												
<i>Spliced Surprise</i>	325	331		47	39							
<i>Bristol Surprise</i>	233	197		16	24							
<i>Cambridge Surprise</i>	111	90		15	8							
<i>Corwall Surprise</i>	16	22		0	1							
<i>Glasgow Surprise</i>	21	20		0	1							
<i>Levensworth Surprise</i>	40	27		0	0							
<i>Lincolnshire Surprise</i>	76	53		12	7							
<i>London Surprise</i>	57	76		5	5							
<i>Podsey Surprise</i>	26	18		8	6							
<i>Rutland Surprise</i>	58	76		9	9							
<i>Superlative Surprise</i>	55	50		6	9							
<i>Uxbridge Surprise</i>	18	13		0	0							
<i>Yorkshire Surprise</i>	195	191		32	25							
<i>Other single Surprise</i>	633	619		8	4							
<i>Single Delight</i>	96	99		0	0							
<i>Single Alliance</i>	16	17		0	0							
<i>Kent/Oxford TB</i>	11	9		54	58							
<i>Double Norwich CB</i>	31	41		2	1							
<i>Plain Bob</i>	53	70		60	52							
<i>Other</i>	25	22		13	7							
<b>Major Total</b>	2096	2041	55	287	252	35						
<b>Triples/Major</b>	0	1	-1	0	0	0						
<b>Triples</b>												
<i>Grandsire</i>	68	80		1	3							
<i>Plain Bob</i>	17	20		0	0							
<i>Stedman</i>	115	117		22	15							
<i>Other</i>	23	9		0	0							
<b>Triples Total</b>	223	226	-3	23	18	5						
<b>Minor</b>												
<i>8+ methods</i>	156	167		52	69							
<i>7 methods</i>	419	390		22	37							
<i>2-6 methods</i>	118	115		33	46							
<i>Cambridge Surprise</i>	56	59		6	5							
<i>Other single Surprise</i>	14	9		1	1							
<i>Plain Bob</i>	47	42		25	29							
<i>Other</i>	2	10		4	13							
<b>Minor Total</b>	812	792	20	143	200	-57						
<b>Doubles/Minor</b>	0	3	-3	1	0	1						
<b>Doubles</b>												
<i>2+ methods</i>	100	118		0	0							
<i>Other</i>	23	32		4	1							
<b>Doubles Total</b>	126	150	-24	4	1	3						
<b>Minimus/Doubles</b>	0	1	-1	-	-							
<b>Minimus</b>	3	5	0	-	-							
<b>TOTAL</b>	4428	4348	80	660	650	10						
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				5088	4998	90						



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2007	TOWER																	HAND														Society
Society	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	11	12	12	13	14	15	16	16	Total	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	Hand	Total	Society			
Ancient Society of College Youths	0	0	13	9	88	17	0	53	24	4	50	1	0	0	0	1	260	0	0	10	2	7	2	2	10	0	0	33	293			
A N Z A B	0	0	4	2	6	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15			
Bath & Wells	0	4	17	7	81	2	0	20	1	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	143	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	149				
Bedfordshire	0	1	17	1	24	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	47				
Beverley & District	0	1	6	1	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15				
Birmingham University	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	9				
Cambridge University	0	1	1	2	9	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	20				
Carlisle	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3				
Chester	0	4	11	1	20	1	0	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	0	23	0	38	0	29	0	7	0	97	141			
Coventry	0	3	17	1	34	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	17	0	22	5	6	3	1	0	54	111			
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths	0	0	26	0	122	5	0	60	4	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	251	0	0	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	6	257			
Derby	1	0	5	4	44	0	0	8	2	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	72	0	0	1	0	14	0	2	0	0	0	17	89			
Devon Assn	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				
G of Devonshire Ringers	0	1	48	2	93	2	0	32	3	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	194	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	200				
Dorset	0	0	17	1	30	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51			
Durham & Newcastle	0	1	14	0	41	2	0	12	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	7	80				
Durham University	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6			
East Dorsetshire & 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			
East Grinstead & District	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			
Ely	0	8	25	13	65	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	113	0	0	3	0	9	0	3	0	0	0	15	128			
Essex	0	0	40	2	44	3	1	6	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	99	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	102			
Gloucester & Bristol	0	2	17	10	100	3	0	8	2	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	148	0	0	9	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	23	171			
Guildford	0	0	6	4	37	1	0	10	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	61	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	64			
Hereford	0	13	12	0	40	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	71	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	72				
Hertford	0	4	23	6	31	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	0	0	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	8	79				
Irish	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7			
Kent	0	2	24	6	54	4	0	22	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	114	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	114			
Ladies	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			
Lancashire	0	4	12	5	102	3	0	65	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	194	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	195			
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			
Leicester	0	1	7	3	27	1	0	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	0	10	0	3	1	6	0	1	0	21	70			
Lichfield & Walsall	0	0	17	2	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	2	0	7	0	1	0	0	0	10	38			
Lincoln	0	2	41	0	35	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	81	2	0	15	1	22	3	12	12	1	0	68	149			
Liverpool Universities	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3			
Llandaff & Monmouth	0	12	18	5	11	5	0	4	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	9	71				
London County	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			
Middlesex & London	0	0	1	0	24	9	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	6	0	55	0	8	0	2	0	71	107			
National Police	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2			
North American	0	0	2	2	10	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	8	27			
North Staffordshire	0	0	17	3	18	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40			
North Wales	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5			
Norwich	0	2	26	5	12	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48			
Oxford Diocesan	0	5	72	11	171	5	0	31	1	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	306	0	0	4	1	15	1	36	0	22	0	79	385			
Oxford Society	0	0	2	3	9	12	0	21	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50			
Oxford University	0	0	0	1	6	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	16				
Peterborough	0	6	9	1	26	2	0	20	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	67	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	69				
St David's	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			
St Martin's	0	1	3	21	14	7	0	11	7	0	19	0	3	1	1	4	92	1	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	112			
Salisbury	0	1	6	3	8	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	22				
Scottish	0	0	7	3	20	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	2												



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## First peals in methods rung on Tower Bells

January			12 5024	Bosworth S Major	E meets W	August		
2 5040	Goldfinger S Royal	SRCY	13 5120	Greenacres S Major	Lancashire A	3 5056	Gablecross S Major	Glos & Bris DA
3 5088	Tanner's Moat S Major	Yorkshire A	14 5040	Tilkey S Royal	Southwell DG	3 5088	Ironville S Major	Ely DA
3 5024	Upper Booth D Major	Yorkshire A	16 5800	Rotherham A Maximus	Yorkshire A	9 5056	Premiership Rams D Major	Southwell DG
5 5024	Birchanger S Major	Ely DA	17 5024	Neverthelessness S Major	Freehold S	10 5040	Ironside S Royal	Peterboro DG
5 5120	Foxbridge S Major	Glos & Bris DA	18 5056	Quarries (dis) D Major	Yorkshire A	12 5280	Paris S Major	Bath & Wells DA
6 5088	X S Major	Hertford CA	18 5056	Eliza D Major	Yorkshire A	15 5056	Bird D Major	Yorkshire A
7 5024	Grandsire Sixteen	Win & Ports DG	19 5056	Quarrington Hill S Major	Glos & Bris DA	16 5040	Forth D Royal	Lancashire A
12 5040	Quarto S Royal	Peterboro DG	21 5152	Byfield D Major	Peterboro DG	16 5056	Queintin S Major	Glos & Bris DA
12 5152	Craven's Diamond D Major	Glos & Bris DA	23 5056	Lytton S Major	St James' G	17 5120	Failsworth S Major	Lancashire A
13 5088	Chewtown Mendip D Major	Bath & Wells DA	25 5056	Roche Abbey S Major	Yorkshire A	21 5056	Timelessness S Major	Freehold S
13 5000	Jaipur S Royal	Yorkshire A	26 5040	Forties D Royal	Lancashire A	22 5184	Carmignano D Major	Lancashire A
15 5024	Breakspear S Major	St James' G	30 5120	Ferrybridge D Royal	Yorkshire A	23 5152	Thorpe Arnold S Major	Southwell DG
16 5000	Monkwearmouth D Royal	Kent CA				23 5024	Frilsham S Major	Glos & Bris DA
16 5000	Horfield S Royal	SRCY	May			25 5088	Palatino S Maximus	Univ Bristol S
17 5024	Meaux Abbey S Major	Yorkshire A	2 5088	Appletree Village S Major	Yorkshire A	28 5040	Manthorpe D Royal	Southwell DG
17 5040	Haystacks D Royal	Lancashire A	4 5056	Seagry S Major	Glos & Bris DA	31 5120	Pertwood S Major	Glos & Bris DA
19 5016	Kintbury Little S Major	Ely DA	4 5184	Crowder S Major	Lincoln DG	September		
20 5050	Fifty Fifty S Royal	Win & Ports DG	5 5056	Dilton Marsh S Major	Glos & Bris DA	1 5120	Yeaminster S Major	Glos & Bris DA
20 5056	Bower Mount S Major	Kent CA	7 5000	Pollokshields S Royal	Lancashire A	1 5000	Enoch's Hammer S Royal	Yorkshire A
23 5040	Birthorpe D Royal	Southwell DG	9 5088	Quince D Major	Oxford DG	5 5024	Brayton Barff S Major	Yorkshire A
23 5088	Vigo Village D Major	Kent CA	11 5000	Falkirk S Royal	Peterboro DG	7 5056	Cazenove S Major	Peterboro DG
25 5040	North Utsire D Royal	Lancashire A	12 5152	Dancing Dicks D Major	Essex A	8 5040	Ukraine S Royal	Oxford DG
28 5040	Oldenburg S Royal	Lundy IS	12 5088	Uri S Major	Oxford DG	9 5152	Ribblesdale D Major	Yorkshire A
February			13 5040	Reverse Stedman Triples	Glos & Bris DA	13 5000	Tyne D Royal	Lancashire A
2 5024	Settelemo S Major	Glos & Bris DA	15 5024	Pointlessness S Major	Freehold S	14 5088	Werneth S Major	Lancashire A
3 5040	Snow Tiger S Royal	OUS	16 5088	Sawley Abbey S Major	Yorkshire A	14 5088	Warlingham S Major	Oxford DG
6 5000	Villa Park S Royal	SRCY	19 5152	Vaguely S Major	Lincoln DG	14 5000	Portabello S Royal	Peterboro DG
7 5056	Tunstall B Major	North Staffs A	20 5040	Ghirardelli A Major	Narnia Yths	14 5152	Old Peculier D Major	ASCY
7 5056	Ogleforth D Major	Yorkshire A	21 5088	Stewkley S Major	St James' G	15 5280	Mid Wales Music Week B Major	ASCY
9 5000	Zeolite S Royal	Peterboro DG	21 5040	Yate A Major	Coventry DG	16 5040	Copper Dragon S Royal	Lancashire A
9 5088	Chadderton S Major	Lancashire A	21 5056	Maddington S Major	Glos & Bris DA	17 5030	Northwich S Major	Yorkshire A
10 5024	Usk D Major	Glos & Bris DA	21 5088	Meppershall S Major	Beds Assoc	20 5040	Wetherspoon S Royal	Oxford DG
11 5152	Coathanger D Major	ANZAB	22 5042	Perlethorpe D Royal	Southwell DG	24 5024	Richeldis de Faverches S Major	Yorkshire A
15 5088	Bluntisham S Major	Ely DA	24 5152	Black Cats Return D Major	Southwell DG	25 5080	Northorpe D Royal	Southwell DG
16 5024	Bow Street S Major	Ely DA	24 5040	Burghill Valley A Major	Hereford DG	27 5056	St. Mary de Castro S Major	Southwell DG
17 5038	Nereid D Royal	Yorkshire A	24 5088	Sloman Cross D Major	St James' G	27 5056	Zeals Manor S Major	Glos & Bris DA
17 5088	Mytholm S Major	Lancashire A	29 5056	Aberdeen S Major	Southwell DG	30 5024	Michaelmas S Major	Oxford DG
17 5088	Zwirgi S Major	Oxford DG	31 5120	Senouillac S Major	G Devonshire	October		
17 5040	Thorverton Ford D Royal	G Devonshire	31 5088	Jochpass S Major	Oxford DG	3 5152	Edgarley Hall S Major	Lincoln DG
19 5056	Hertford D Major	St James' G	June			3 5152	Ecclesall S Major	ASCY
19 5040	Xtraordinary A Major	Coventry DG	1 5024	Fayetteville S Major	Ely DA	3 5040	Lundy Island S Royal	Lancashire A
20 5024	Vellum S Major	Glos & Bris DA	1 5024	Yarlswood S Major	Glos & Bris DA	4 5088	Ginger Pig S Major	St James' G
23 5152	Revolver D Major	Glos & Bris DA	2 5090	Iden Green S Maximus	Kent CA	7 5024	Reykjavik S Major	Bath & Wells DA
23 5024	Asheville S Major	Ely DA	2 5088	Poulton S Major	Glos & Bris DA	7 5152	Grace Darling D Major	D&N DA
24 5040	Egham S Royal	Guildford DG	3 5088	Quiddle S Major	Oxford DG	7 5024	Compton Gifford S Major	G Devonshire
24 5152	Dashing Erudition S Major	ASCY	5 5040	Shelforde Little A Major	Southwell DG	12 5088	Hollinwood S Major	Lancashire A
25 5088	Marshland S Major	Ely DA	6 5152	Ho Ho Ho S Major	Yorkshire A	14 5040	Montgomery D Minor	SRCY
26 5088	Milston S Major	Glos & Bris DA	8 5000	Onnum S Royal	Peterboro DG	16 5040	Cotteridge S Royal	SRCY
27 5120	Elsthorpe D Royal	Southwell DG	8 5120	High Force D Major	Yorkshire A	18 5040	Dogger D Royal	Lancashire A
27 5024	Sidcup S Major	St James' G	9 5080	Kilmersdon S Royal	Bath & Wells DA	21 5152	Tocock S Major	Oxford DG
March			14 5040	Cromarty D Royal	Lancashire A	21 5056	Allotment S Major	Glos & Bris DA
2 5056	Batesville S Major	Ely DA	16 5088	Tidcombe S Major	Glos & Bris DA	27 5000	Zealand D Royal	Southwell DG
3 5024	Dorian D Major	Win & Ports DG	18 5040	Zatisall A Major	Coventry DG	November		
6 5088	Undercliffe S Major	Southwell DG	18 5120	Eyeworth S Major	Beds Assoc	1 5056	Xepri S Major	Peterboro DG
7 5120	Jairu S Major	Lincoln DG	21 5024	Inglebatch S Major	Glos & Bris DA	2 5040	Tinsley B Triples	Ely DA
7 5024	Straker's Passage S Major	Yorkshire A	24 5184	Centenary of Scouting S Major	G Devonshire	3 5024	Nifflheim S Major	Win & Ports DG
8 5040	South Utsire D Royal	Lancashire A	24 5000	Honey D Major	Oxford DG	3 5088	New Barge S Major	Yorkshire A
8 5184	Wingfield S Major	Southwell DG	26 5080	Xerethorpe D Royal	Southwell DG	4 5040	Hamton S Royal	Peterboro DG
9 5152	Long Ashton D Major	Glos & Bris DA	26 5040	Colwall S Royal	Hereford DG	6 5096	Xocourt A Major	Southwell DG
9 5040	Dunton S Royal	Peterboro DG	26 5056	Swanfield S Major	St James' G	7 5056	Severus Curve S Major	Yorkshire A
9 5088	Grotton S Major	Lancashire A	28 5088	Xorn S Major	Oxford DG	11 5040	Remembrance Day B Triples	Non-Association
10 5040	Gorhambury A Major	Hertford CA	29 5088	Michaelston-y-Fedw S Major	Llandaff & Mon D A	14 5152	Woodlands B Major	North Staffs A
11 5040	Mendip A Major	Bath & Wells DA	July			15 5040	Morland's Original S Royal	Oxford DG
12 5088	Kimberworth S Maximus	Yorkshire A	1 5056	London New B Major	Middx CA & Lon DG	15 5024	Quicksand S Major	Glos & Bris DA
12 5088	Bramley D Major	St James' G	2 5186	Shiraz S Maximus	St Martin's G	17 5040	North Stoneham S Royal	SRCY
14 5152	North Staffordshire S Major	North Staffs A	4 5058	Heslington Hall S Major	Yorkshire A	19 5100	Coventry Centenary A Major	Coventry DG
16 5024	Centreville S Major	Ely DA	6 5056	Low Force D Major	Yorkshire A	19 5024	Gorhambury S Major	St James' G
17 5125	Bedfordshire D Royal	Beds Assoc	7 5056	St John's D Major	Bath & Wells DA	19 5184	Bovey Tracey S Major	Non-Association
21 5056	Rievaulx Abbey S Major	Yorkshire A	7 5088	Burcombe S Major	Glos & Bris DA	20 5024	Windsor Castle S Major	SRCY
22 5056	Bishopstrow S Major	Glos & Bris DA	10 5076	Dexter Sheppard A Major	Win & Ports DG	20 5088	Griffydam S Major	Freehold S
22 5024	Guthlaxton S Major	Southwell DG	12 5152	Rams Return D Major	Southwell DG	21 5040	Diamond D Royal	SRCY
23 5024	Danville S Major	Ely DA	13 5088	Derker S Major	Lancashire A	25 5088	Imbolc S Major	Yorkshire A
24 5024	Stoodley Pike S Major	Lancashire A	17 5024	Gracefulness S Major	Freehold S	26 5184	Walworth D Major	St James' G
27 5000	Jordanthorpe D Royal	Southwell DG	18 5152	York Exercise D Major	Yorkshire A	26 5184	Grace D Major	SRCY
30 5024	Eatonville S Major	Ely DA	19 5040	Old Speckled Hen S Royal	Oxford DG	27 5040	Littlethorpe D Royal	Southwell DG
31 5152	Yeo's S Major	Bath & Wells DA	20 5024	Grantsville S Major	Ely DA	28 5088	Chattahoochee S Major	SRCY
31 5040	Cleethorpes D Royal	Yorkshire A	21 5040	Leary D Royal	Bev & Dist Soc	30 5088	Harlech S Major	Llandaff & Mon D A
31 5088	Gracechurch D Maximus	ASCY	22 5024	Castle Hill S Major	Glos & Bris DA	December		
April			24 5120	Elder Street S Major	St James' G	1 5040	Coventry Centenary D Royal	Coventry DG
6 5152	Zeitgeist D Major	Yorkshire A	25 5040	Upton Pyne D Royal	Bath & Wells DA	3 5088	Ferham S Maximus	Yorkshire A
9 5040	Quither D Royal	Non-Association	25 5088	St Wulfram S Major	Lincoln DG	5 5152	Zzyzx Springs S Major	Lincoln DG
10 5120	Bethell S Major	St James' G	26 5024	Thorpe Satchville S Major	Southwell DG	6 5056	Abel Magwitch S Major	Kent CA
12 5152	Amber Valley S Major	Southwell DG	27 5024	Hinsville S Major	Ely DA	7 5120	Princess Pocahontas S Major	Kent CA
			27 5024	Bright S Major	Bristol Soc	8 5000	Ely S Royal	Lundy IS
			28 5024	Queen Eahlswith S Major	Yorkshire A	9 5000	Whitehall D Royal	Glos & Bris DA
			30 5024	Eardisland Manor S Major	ASCY	13 5024	Rushall S Major	Glos & Bris DA



16	5024	Urchfont B Major	Middx CA & Lon DG
17	5024	Elegy S Major	St James' G
17	5056	Centenary D Major	Coventry DG
18	5056	Alston D Major	Yorkshire A
18	5184	Perscoran D Major	Wores & District A
19	5120	Trentino D Major	Lancashire A
20	5088	Isla Negra S Major	Glos & Bris DA
22	5056	Zummetzet D Major	Glos & Bris DA
22	5024	Vallum D Major	Yorkshire A
22	5056	Canal Street D Major	Lancashire A
22	5000	Denali S Royal	St James' G
26	5088	Didcot S Major	Oxford DG
28	5120	Buxton D Major	Yorkshire A
30	5024	Zabriskie Point D Major	Yorkshire A
31	5056	Sublime S Major	Yorkshire A

### First peals in methods rung on Hand Bells.

January			
25	5184	York Way S Major	Middx CA & Lon DG
30	5040	Burslem D Minor	Hertford CA
February			
7	5040	Black Sheep S Royal	Oxford DG
March			
5	5184	Falmouth S Maximus	Leicester DG
12	5040	Trinity Sunday D Royal	Leicester DG
May			
14	5160	Hitcham D Royal	Leicester DG
16	5040	Waltham D Minor	Hertford CA
20	5088	Mornington Crescent S Major	Middx CA & Lon DG
June			
13	5040	Pontefract S Royal	Oxford DG
July			
2	5040	Vulkan D Royal	Leicester DG
9	5040	Edenham D Royal	Leicester DG
September			
19	5184	ANZAC S Major	Middx CA & Lon DG
October			
10	5000	Henleaze S Royal	Oxford DG
31	5040	Waterford TB Minor	Hertford CA
November			
19	5040	Wetherspoon S Royal	Oxford DG
21	5184	Falmouth S Major	Oxford DG
December			
3	5040	Morland's Original S Royal	Oxford DG
4	5024	Double Coslany Ct B Major	Middx CA & Lon DG
7	5040	Orpheus Doubles	Lincoln DG
12	5042	Goldsborough S Maximus	Oxford DG

### Record peals rung on Tower Bells

January			
20	23320	London No.3 S Royal	St James' G
March			
31	10800	Riggwelter S Royal	G Devonshire
April			
15	12000	Humberside D Major	Bath & Wells DA
June			
10	11040	Edinburgh S Major	Bath & Wells DA

### Record peals rung on Hand Bells

May			
6	72000	TD Minor (100m)	ASCY

The highlight of 2007 is surely the magnificent achievement of ringing 72,000 Minor by Philip Earis, Andrew Tibbetts and David Pipe. Not only is this the longest piece of ringing ever rung, it is the first time the clock has been rung twice round, nearly 100 years after the first time the clock was rung round once (Loughborough, 1909). Congratulations to them all.

It is unfortunate that one long length attempt had to be cancelled this year due to the organiser not being aware of all the decisions for these peals. The information is available in the *Ringling World Diary*, and now available via a link from the website, [www.cccbr.org.uk/rc](http://www.cccbr.org.uk/rc). It should be noted that all peals that would be

Record Lengths, whether intended or not, must comply with these Decisions.

A project that will be started this year is to collect the compositions used for all first peals in methods, both on Towerbells, and in hand. Eventually we hope this will be via the website, but until that becomes available, if anyone is willing to help by providing information, please send to [records@cccbr.org.uk](mailto:records@cccbr.org.uk) in the meantime.

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### Public Relations Committee

The Committee sets out to develop ringing publicity materials, to be proactive in seeking publicity for ringing and to act as a link between the Central Council and ringers as well as between the general public and ringing. This includes liaison with overseas ringing societies.

### Ringling Roadshow 2008

The main focus of activity for public relations in ringing is the Ringling Roadshow which for the first time will be a two-day event on the 5th and 6th September 2008 at the Royal Showground, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire. [www.ringingroadshow2008.org.uk](http://www.ringingroadshow2008.org.uk) gives up-to-date information about the event. The Public Relations Committee organises this event on behalf of the Council and gratefully acknowledges the hard work of the Roadshow Team (John Anderson, Eleanor Linford, Derek Smart and Stephanie Warboys) as well as a range of consultants for catering, mini-rings, seminars and website development. The aim is for a Roadshow poster to be displayed in all towers with bells as well as on church and other public noticeboards to attract the general public. Advance tickets are on sale at a concessionary rate. Council members are requested to act as local agents to promote the Roadshow, ensure posters are on display and arrange groups to attend. In particular the focus for this Roadshow is to motivate attendance by non-*Ringling World* readers, who perhaps do not attend local society events but have an interest in ringing, and also by the general public. Plans are being developed to attract lapsed ringers to attend and for those who have attended previous Roadshows, this one will have several new attractions to try. The Committee has reviewed the possibility of organising a future Roadshow and recommends that if it is decided to do this a minimum of three years should elapse before a future event.

### Development of publicity materials

The Committee has published a ringing publicity poster this year which is being distributed by CC Publications. 1000 A3 and 2000 A4 were printed and so far 150 A3 and 650 A4 have been sent out. No charge is made for the posters – just a charge for postage and packing. The poster was designed



*The new publicity and recruiting poster*

professionally – using the same house style as the publicity leaflet published in 2005. Contributions towards the cost have been made by *The Ringling World* and an anonymous donor and this sponsorship is gratefully acknowledged. The poster is also available at [www.cccbr.org.uk](http://www.cccbr.org.uk) as a pdf in both A3 and A4 sizes as well as a MS Word document which can easily be modified to include local contact details. Work has been done jointly with the ICT Committee to redesign the frontpage of [www.cccbr.org.uk](http://www.cccbr.org.uk) and it is planned to continue with this style throughout the website. A CD has been produced and is being distributed by CC Publications. The CD sets out to be a publicity tool and lecturing aid. There are two versions of a PowerPoint presentation (around 80 slides) covering the history of bells, bellfounding, bellringing (including carillons) and change ringing. It is aimed at audiences of (probably) non-ringers who are interested in learning more about bells. There are two versions of the presentation on the CD: one has an auto-run and pre-recorded soundtrack to run in 'kiosk' mode so it can be left running continuously at tower open days etc and the other is for use with a set of optional presenter notes, so that presenters can add their own commentary. Ringling publicity leaflets continue to be distributed. 74,000 have been distributed, 15,000 of them during the last year, with 26,000 in stock. In addition the Committee has agreed to overseas printing of the leaflet (at local cost) and this has been taken up at Perth, Western Australia where 12,000 have been printed of which 1,200 have been used. Work is in progress to produce a leaflet for distribution in Cathedral bookshops with local information added and a review of what is available for each Cathedral with bells is currently taking place.

Overseas liaison has continued with a personal approach to each society for an update report. This report about overseas

ringing will be published as a news item in *The Ringing World*.

Liaison with ringers and the general public has included a range of radio and TV pieces about ringing as well as an article in *The Daily Telegraph* and in *Country Living* magazine. Both of these latter two articles involved considerable input from the Committee, including arranging interviews for the reporter with the chairmen of the Education and Ringing Trends Committees. In the summer of 2007 the celebration of the centenary of Scouting was promoted to achieve publicity both for ringing and for Scouting. Ringing took place in different parts of the country with much local publicity and this was featured in an article in *The Ringing World*. A personal response is given by the Committee to requests for information about where to go to learn to ring. This is via a website link on both [www.cccbr.org.uk](http://www.cccbr.org.uk) and [www.ringingworld.co.uk](http://www.ringingworld.co.uk). The website statement about ringing has been updated during the year. About one hundred enquiries have been received this year, about 90% of which were from people wanting to learn to ring and feedback responses are usually received. Contacts around the country are given about where to go locally to find an active tower to learn about ringing. The contacts list has been updated during the year. Disappointingly there has been no evidence of greater activity at the time of specific publicity about ringing e.g. scouts centenary, media coverage etc. In addition the Committee maintains a database of society contacts which is supplied on request to the officers and committee chairmen. An email group of ringing PROs has been established and has proved useful for distribution of 'soft' copy for use in local newsletters etc. A database of university societies and contacts is maintained on [www.cccbr.org.uk](http://www.cccbr.org.uk). The Committee has established an email group for those interested in developing ringing around the Olympics. The work in establishing a group to promote this in London has resulted in regular meetings taking place and this has been reported in *The Ringing World*. Consideration about preparing a proposal and seeking funding for a major recruitment drive in connection with ringing for the 2012 Olympics was referred to The Ringing Foundation. The Foundation's focus is still being established and consideration of the Foundation seeking funding for using the build-up to the Olympics as a ringing recruitment drive may be a possibility for the latter part of 2008. The Committee operates a 'Complaints Helpline' with a widely publicised contact telephone number as well as information about dealing with complaints in *The Ringing World* diary and on [www.cccbr.org.uk](http://www.cccbr.org.uk). This year nine complaints have been received and advice given. Contact is usually made directly by a member of the ringing band affected, but a close watch about ringing complaints in the press and other media is also maintained. Advice has been offered and guidance given from CCCBR sources. In most cases a calm, informative response from the local ringers has led to a satisfactory outcome, often involving the complainant visiting the tower during a ringing practice. A complaint about the sound of clock chimes at night was

referred to the local PCC as being beyond the remit of the CCCBR.

A review of the work of the Committee has been carried out during the triennium with the outcome that there are too many detailed projects being undertaken for the manpower available. Additional members have therefore been requested to fulfil the remit. Some members of the Committee are not standing for re-election and there are therefore several vacancies to be filled. There is a heavy workload at grassroots level needed to carry out this Committee's work. The Committee chairman acts as PR officer for the Council. Committee skills needed vary from PR and developing PR good practice amongst ringers with an understanding of the subtle sensitivities needed for this, to advising a wide range of ringers about local ringing publicity, to website content, to storing and posting leaflets, to monitoring media coverage, to responding to 'learn to ring' enquiries, to university societies liaison, to designing and developing publicity materials, to advising on ringing complaints, to liaising with overseas societies, to coordinating a database of society contacts. The Roadshow has now developed to a very large event which the Committee oversees on behalf of the Council. Liaison with other Committees and The Ringing Foundation increasingly needs further time allocation.

Peter Robson has resigned from the Committee during the year because of work commitments and his major contribution in creating a university societies' database as well as leading on the Scouting centenary is acknowledged.

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ADRIAN UDAL  
STEPHANIE WARBOYS  
JANE WILKINSON

## Publications Committee

Three new publications were produced during the year. They were *Giants of the Exercise Vol 2*, *An Unassuming Genius – the Life and Times of A J Pitman* and *Rung Surprise Supplement (to end 2006)*. The first two sold well. It is very pleasing to note the success of the A J Pitman biography as we had not produced a book of this type before.

Seven titles were reprinted: *Ringing Circles*, *Beginners Plain Bob*, *Beginners Grandsire*, *A Schedule of Regular Maintenance*, *The Learning Curve Vol 1*, *Teaching from Rounds to Bob Doubles*, and the *Bell Handling DVD*. The first four of these continued to sell particularly well.

Bulk discounts were offered in March as usual and advertisements were again placed in a number of Society reports. During the year we investigated the possibility of advertising

and selling through Amazon. Unfortunately we had to conclude that we cannot do so at present since we are unable to meet at least one of the company's conditions. The Public Relations Committee asked us to manage sales and distribution of the new publicity posters on their behalf and we were happy to oblige. We are very grateful to Andrew Aspland for his help with this work. We plan to run a stall offering our full range of publications at the Ringing Roadshow in September 2008.

Income from sales rose to £13,100 from £11,400 and the value of stock fell to £9,600 from £11,200. The excess of income over expenditure fell again to just £210 but the total cash available rose to £18,000 from £14,400. About £1,000 worth of slow selling stock was written off. Overall the fund is in a healthy state and has recovered well from the somewhat unusual situation in 2006 when we published no major new books but reprinted a large number of existing titles.

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## Committee for Redundant Bells

The Committee has had a full year. As well as continuing projects, a steady and varied stream of enquiries has included a private 'retreat house' seeking bells to make up a ring of bells for residential ringing courses, a dyslexic handicraft project, ringers concerned about the future of their bells when their church was sold on to another denomination, a request for tubular bells and several enquiries regarding single bells.

We have given substantial support with the Rescue Fund and with the help of generous loan making individuals, to save the old bells from All Saints, Northampton – a complete



*All Saints, Northampton*



**Stocklist at December 31st 2007**

<i>Title</i>	<i>Sales to 31 Dec 2007</i>	<i>Stock at 31 Dec 2007</i>
Beginners Handbook	304	25
Towards Better Striking	68	125
Raising and Lowering	100	111
Ringing Jargon Made Easy	13	12
Beginners Grandsire	178	435
Beginners Plain Bob	194	278
Doubles and Minor for Beginners	101	213
Triples and Major for Beginners	51	228
Ringing Circles	513	402
Ringing Skills	60	144
The Learning Curve Vol 1	62	280
The Learning Curve Vol 2	62	33
The Learning Curve Vol 3	86	29
Listen to Ringing Cassette/CD 1	2/28	4/6
Listen to Ringing Cassette/CD 2	1/23	24/17
Beginners Guide to Change Ringing on Handbells	45	220
Change Ringing on Handbells	20	299
The Tower Handbook	52	179
Learning Methods	62	273
Standard 8 Surprise Major	55	0
Method Splicing	12	71
Understanding Place Notation	24	82
Will You Call a Touch Please, Bob?	61	127
Service Touches	68	270
Conducting Stedman	33	128
A Tutors Handbook	35	286
Tower Captains Handbook	31	42
One Way to Teach Handling	35	209
Teaching Beyond Bell Handling	39	266
Teaching from Rounds to Bob Doubles	38	187
Simulators and Teaching	16	64
Kaleidoscope Ringing	69	165
Starting a New Band	11	103
Towers and Bells Handbook	31	260
The Bell Advisor	7	182
Schedule of Regular Maintenance	388	340
D-I-Y Guidelines	8	185
Organising a Bell Restoration Project	65	177
Sound Management	21	138
Change Ringing History Vol 1	18	246
Change Ringing History Vol 2	8	0
Change Ringing History Vol 3	14	238
Centenary History of the Central Council	2	91
Giants of the Exercise	35	24
Giants of the Exercise Vol 2	139	124
A J Pitman Biography	205	27
Dove's Guide	150	1271
Belfry Offices	4	87
Organising an Outing	14	88
Belfry Warning Notices	7	39
Church Towers and Bells	24	70
CC Rules and Decisions 2004	3	0
Getting it Right	6	155
Splicing Bell Ropes	68	202
Collection of Minor Methods	13	222
Collection of Plain Minor Methods	14	0
Treble Dodging Minor Methods	15	31
Collection of Principles	6	70
Plain Methods (2nd Edition)	4	64
Rung Surprise etc to end 2004	6	5
Rung Surprise etc supplement to end 2005/2006	12/14	25/96
Handbook of Composition	16	8
Spliced Minor Collection	8	14
Grandsire Compositions	12	19
10 Bell Compositions	10	86
12+ Bell Compositions	8	107
Collection of Universal Compositions (for T D Major Methods)	4	39
Videos/DVDs	4/40	4/10

octave cast in 1782 and currently awaiting a new home. After careful assessment of St Nicholas's bells, Cork, involving much time, advice and emails, it became clear this ring was of a quality not worth saving. The same could not be said of the Gillett & Johnston ten at St John's, Hanley, where consultations, in conjunction with the Keltek Trust, are continuing over this complicated case.

The desirability of improving the Rescue Fund's procedures has become evident over the past year from our experience of providing funding in the form of interest-free loans. This year has also illustrated how satisfactorily the Keltek Trust and the Rescue Fund can work together from their different and complementary standpoints. We congratulate the Trust on a very successful year and thank David Kelly for his help as consultant to this Committee.

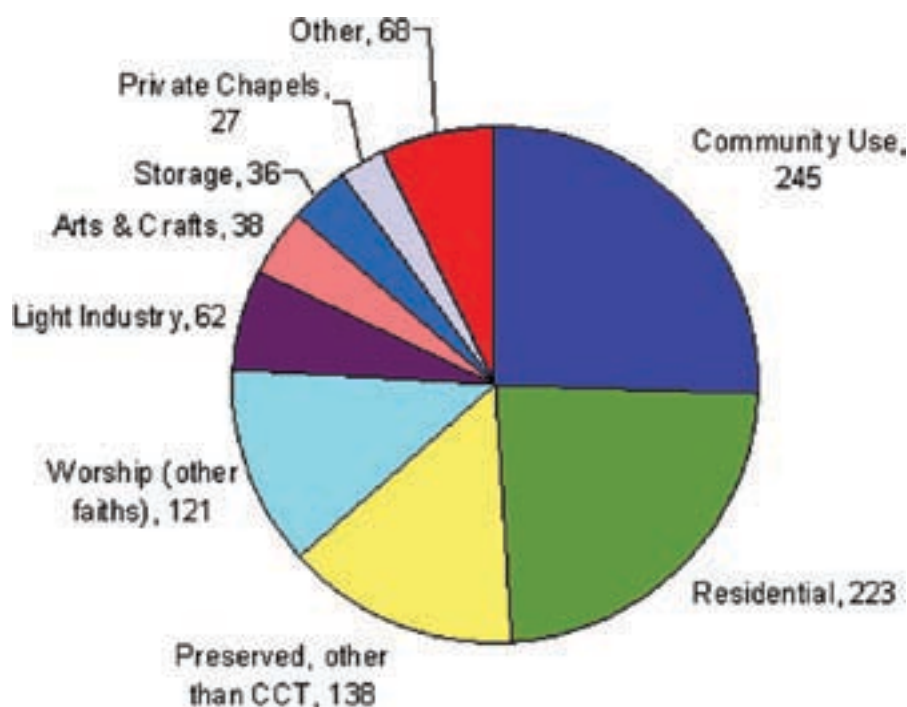
The rocketing price of bell metal, largely driven by the Far East's demand for copper and other metals, has been of particular concern to us this year. The most obvious result is increasing vulnerability to theft from churches, especially those not in active use. The value of the bells they contain is now more significant and it could be argued this should be reflected in the price a purchaser should pay for a redundant church. If the bells need to be 'taken into care' by the Rescue Fund or by the Keltek Trust the sum to be raised is much greater. We have raised our concerns with the Church Commissioners, who have acknowledged a compelling case for considering early removal of bells to safe storage when the future of a church is unknown. We have also written to all diocesan furnishings officers to emphasise that bells are now increasingly valuable and vulnerable.

For the record, 1,752 churches have now been declared redundant under the Pastoral Measure, including 29 in 2007 compared with 21 in 2006, the Commissioners' current prediction remaining between 20 and 30 each year. Major pastoral reviews in several dioceses will almost certainly result in an increase in redundancies. This process will take some time, but the Council for the Care of Churches has already seen increasing referrals from Chichester and Manchester dioceses.

The project of listing bell details of all redundant churches makes progress, but is inevitably time consuming. Our aim is a comprehensive record of the results of all redundancies so that when information is needed it can be extracted quickly and easily. It is pleasing that the proto-NBR within Dove, a project which originated within this Committee, is continuing to make progress. It has now reached some coverage for all but two rings of 3 and upwards, and complete coverage of all bells within more than 17% of all rings.

As always, we are grateful to the Council for the Care of Churches, the Advisory Board for Redundant Churches and the Church Commissioners for their co operation in our work. In the case of the Advisory Board, this is for the last time because it is merging with the Council for the Care of Churches in June this year. This is the result of new legislation, which is also amalgamating diocesan pastoral and redundant churches uses committees.





#### Alternative uses

50% of redundant churches find an alternative use; 25% go to the Churches Conservation Trust; 25% are demolished

Finally, we record our sadness at the death of John Scott, long time member of the Committee, Chairman of the Rescue Fund, Past President of the Council and sometime member of the Council for the Care of Churches' Bells Committee. We remember him as a wise counsellor and kind friend.

JANE WILKINSON (*Chairman*)  
 ANDREW ASPLAND  
 JOHN BALDWIN  
 ROBERT COOLES  
 ALAN FROST  
 JULIAN NEWMAN  
 JOHN SCOTT, to July 2007

### Ringling Centres Committee

The Committee met twice during the year and resolved to make greater effort to encourage new ringling centres and to support existing ones. The seventh competition for the Founders Prize for the ringling centre which made the greatest contribution to the teaching of ringling was organised as was the third Founders Prize for the Encouragement of Young People.

The biggest event of the year was an all day conference entitled 'Moving Forward' which took place at the delightful village of Berkswell, W. Midlands on 31st March. The Conference was eagerly awaited by many ringling centres as it gave people an opportunity to share ideas, and to hear of interesting projects which they may be able to use at their own ringling centres. Over 40 attendees heard speakers talking about topics of current interest to ringling centres including the Framework for Ringling Trainers, The Ringling Foundation and learn2ring. They also heard about successful innovative projects

on working with young people, interesting technological ideas and recruitment and awareness raising. Thanks to Robert Cater for making the arrangements for us.

The interest in becoming a ringling centre remains high but no new ringling centres came into being during the year. The Committee continues to monitor the CC Recognised ringling centres to ascertain their level of activity. Two ringling centres have been removed from the list because they are no longer active. At the time of writing the number of CC Recognised ringling centres is 37.

During 2007 the Committee reviewed the Council's criteria for recognition of ringling centres and published revised criteria at the end of the year. The aim is to move away from an emphasis on equipment and facilities to an emphasis on the training activities that each centre actually undertakes, and spreading best teaching practice. There are many examples of best teaching practice which are not Central Council Recognised ringling centres, and we want to encourage them to seek recognition. In the longer term we wish to substantially increase the number of ringling centres.

The revised guidelines and application form have been published on the Council website and during the year Roger Booth has been working with others to update the Committee webpages. There is now a clickable map of ringling centres, and the Directory entries will be updated with details of each centre's training activities, as and when they return their report forms for 2007. Lists of facilities have been deleted, all of which should make it more interesting and relevant for potential recruits and trainees. The Committee has also requested that the map be given a more prominent position on the Council website, away from the learn2ring page.

Coupled with the publication of the new guidelines, the Committee decided to hold a series of four regional seminars entitled 'Setting up a Ringling Centre'. Following a trial run at the Yorkshire Association AGM earlier in the year, the Northern Region Seminar was held at the Barrow upon Humber Ringling Centre in October. Three more are planned for the SE, the SW and the Midlands in 2008. The presentations demonstrate the processes that need to be gone through in the early stages and stimulated discussion on a number of topics. In 2008 the Committee will follow on from the seminars by becoming more proactive with groups of ringers, branches and societies. The 2008 Roadshow will also be used to promote the establishment of more ringling centres, with the Charnborough Ring being used as a ringling centre in the personal development Zone.

The Founders Prize for the ringling centre which has made the greatest contribution to the teaching of ringling in 2007 was organised by Norman Mattingley and was awarded to the Troyte Ringling Centre at Huntsham and Bampton in Devon which has done a remarkable amount of work and which goes from strength to strength, raising a considerable amount of money in the process. A report of their activities has appeared in *The Ringling World*.

The competition for Founders Prize for the Encouragement of Young People was organised by Gail Cater and was won by Bishop Ramsey School in Middlesex where a considerable number of young people have been taught to ring for Sunday Service as well as enjoying a large number of ringling outings. A comprehensive report of their activities has appeared in *The Ringling World*.

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 DAVID POPE  
 NORMAN MATTINGLEY

### Ringling Trends Committee

The Committee met on two occasions during 2007, the first meeting was in February and the second meeting at the end of October. Two members of the Committee decided to stand down early in the year followed by a third member at the Council meeting in May. Subsequently four new members were co-opted to the Committee.

Following on from the pilot scheme carried out in 2006, Phase 1 of the programme was progressed and contacts were made with 8 Societies prior to sending out questionnaires. Societies were asked to distribute questionnaires and then to input the information from the questionnaires into a spreadsheet. The response to this was varied but we are very grateful to all of the towers that have responded and all of the Societies concerned

for helping with this project. We are also very grateful to a member of the Surrey Association who provided a valuable contribution by producing a more professional and user friendly questionnaire.

It was originally planned that Phase 2 of the project would start in mid 2007 with Phase 3 following later in the year but as a consequence of delays in Phase 1 it was decided at the Committee meeting held in October 2007 to further delay Phase 2 pending a decision on the way forward. The original intention had been to carry out a 'census' but this was proving difficult as responses from Societies varied from 20% to 80%. It became clear that we would not achieve a 'head count' of ringers and the patchy responses have forced us to review our expectations for the survey and approach to later phases. Since then it has been decided that we will proceed with Phase 2 on the same basis as Phase 1 and with the results from Phase 2 we will be able to make a properly informed decision on the way ahead.

Phase 1 responses have been received to date from Societies covering Surrey, Greater London (part), Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire (part), Cornwall, Tyne and Wear, Northumbria, Durham, Ireland, Northamptonshire and Rutland. These results together with the pilot scheme results from parts of Surrey and Hampshire have been transported into a database from the spreadsheets and the resulting datasets used to prepare the various charts. Data is available from Kent but this is not yet included in our figures, we are also awaiting information from the main area of Cambridgeshire, West Midlands and Staffordshire.

The first chart at **Fig 1** shows the age range of ringers. General indications are that the age ranges from the responding areas mirror the results of the pilot scheme and that the majority of ringers are over 50. Compare this top heavy picture with the general UK population (**Fig 2**) and it is very clear that the ringing population does not match the general population and that the population under the age of 39 is under represented in ringing along with females overall. It is also worth noting that the ringing population under the age of 20 will only start from the age of 8 or so.

Similarly, the responses so far indicate that the majority of ringers are retired as shown in **Fig 3**:

Information was also sought regarding the number of learners taught to ring in the last 3 years and **Fig. 4** indicates that most new learners are over the age of 40:

The retention figures for learners are shown in **Fig 5**:

This data is based on the number of ringers taught by responding towers in the past three years. The height of the bar represents total numbers taught with the maroon area representing lost learners and the blue those still ringing.

The results of the 2005 Ringing Roadshow questionnaire were published in *The Ringing World* in September 2007 and again the same picture of the current state of the

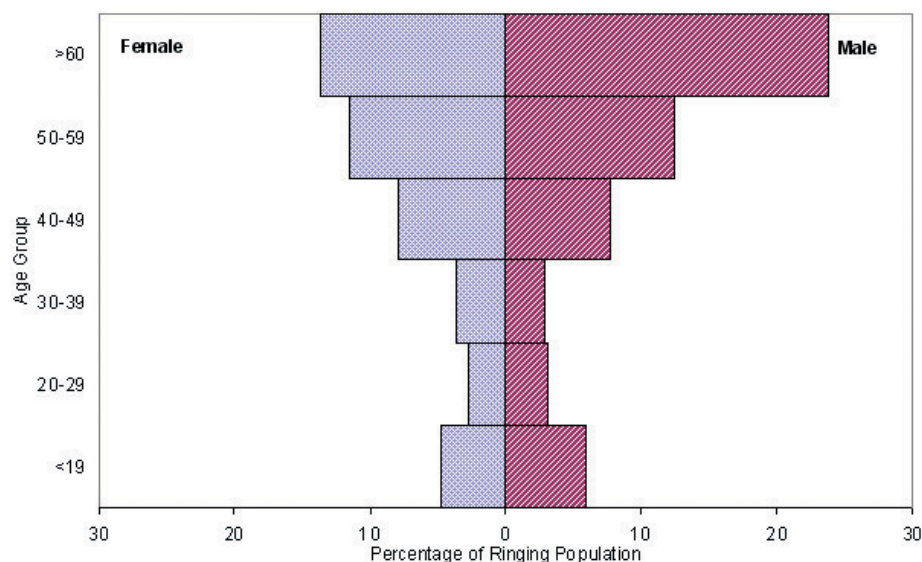


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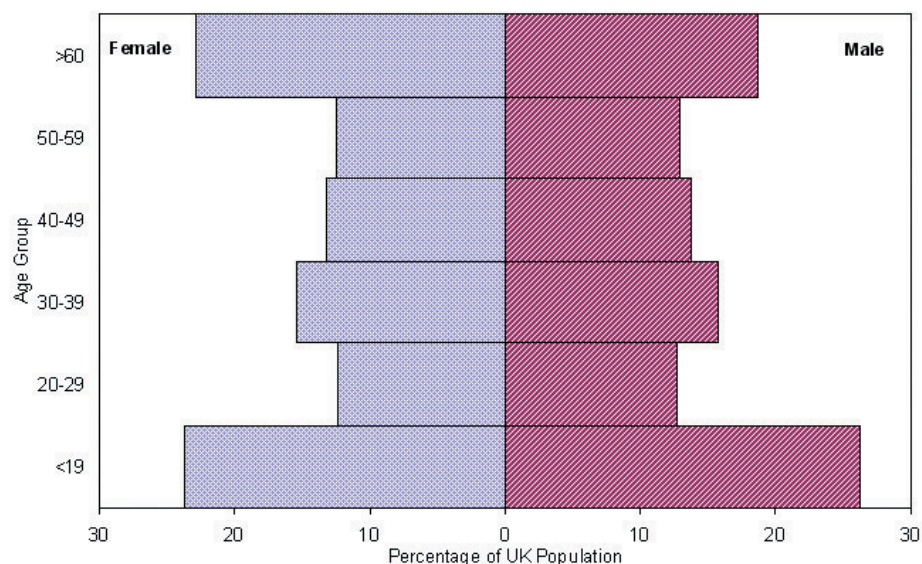


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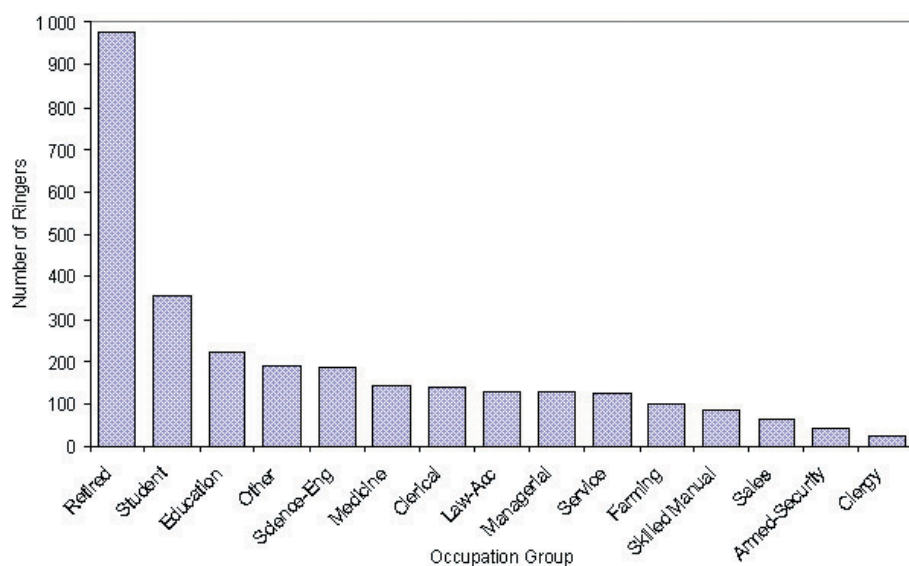
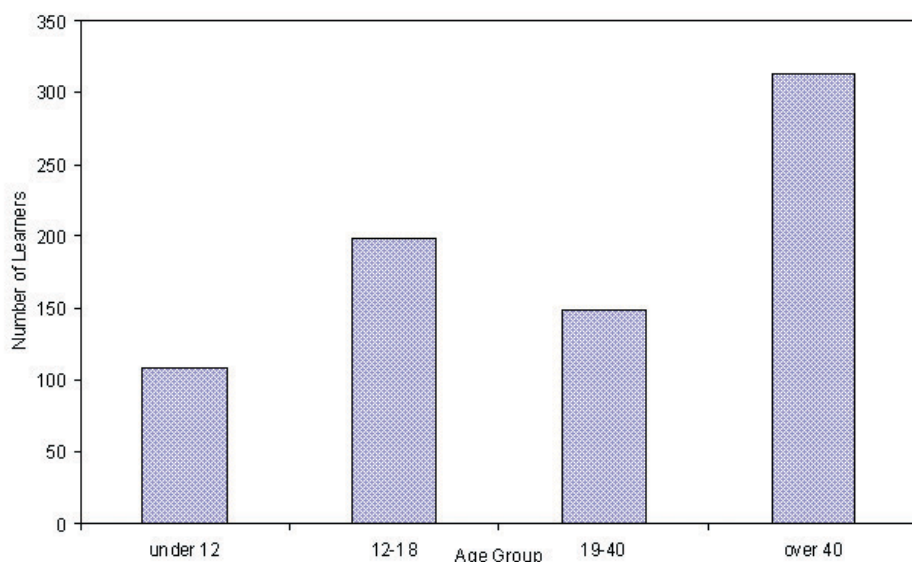
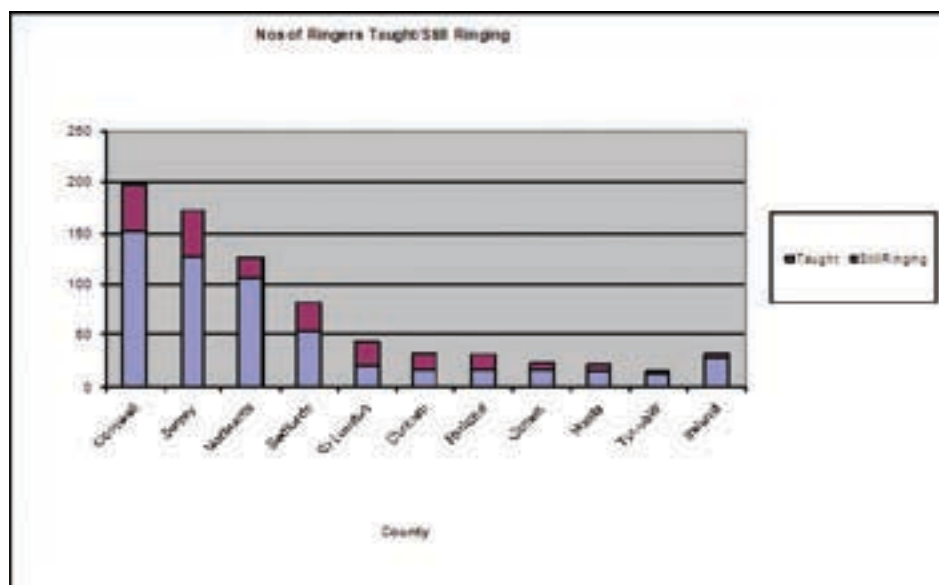


Fig 3





*Fig 4*



*Fig 5*

ringing exercise emerged. It has been agreed that a leaflet detailing the findings from Phase 1 of the main survey will be available at the 2008 Roadshow.

Other activities carried out by the Committee during the year included a review of universities and a list of the current university societies in the United Kingdom has been compiled. Comparing this list to the locations of higher education institutions in the United Kingdom, 61% of these have access to a university ringing society. When considering student numbers (using data from the Higher Education Statistics Agency) 67% of the student population has access to a student ringing society. To investigate the state of health of university ringing a questionnaire will be distributed to student ringing societies. This will cover the support received from non-students, the number of new members and the teaching of non-ringers amongst other factors.

Trends in other organisations are also being examined and it is becoming clear that other similar and voluntary organisations face difficulty in recruiting younger members of the population.

Additional data will be presented at the Council meeting.

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MIKE TILL ) *members*  
JENNIFER HOLDEN )

## Report of the Stewards of the Carter Ringing Machine Collection

During the year, the Carter Ringing Machine has been demonstrated at the John Taylor Bellfoundry Museum on two occasions — Saturday April 28th and Saturday October 13th. Several days before each demonstration there has been a maintenance session. No outside requests have been received for demonstrations elsewhere in the country. It has been discussed that ringing tours taking place in the Leicestershire area may wish to attend a special demonstration, and these could be organised provided that adequate prior notice is made, and subject to the availability of the Stewards.

BARRY WARD

## Report of the Steward of the Rolls of Honour

During the past year the Roll for the First World War has been copied on to the Council's website and should be accessible in time for the Council meeting. Not only will there be a facsimile copy of the volume itself, there will be links to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website and to other material relating to names listed.

The work to provide these links has been done by Alan Regin, who has put in a massive amount of time and effort to produce the additional information. My thanks to Alan, and also to Peter Trotman for his work on the website itself.

Alan's work has also brought to light a further 70 ringers who died in action during the First World War. A supplement to the volume will be professionally produced and the new names will, of course, appear on the website.

Alan and Peter will shortly be starting work on the Roll for the Second World War.

Having now retired as a Representative Member of Council, I will be relinquishing the post of Steward of the Rolls at the start of the coming Council meeting.

ANDREW STUBBS

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## Report of the Stewards of the Dove Database

This is the first opportunity that the Stewards have had to report to Council. We are pleased that Ron Johnston, who co-edited Edition 9, agreed to be co-opted and so continues to share with us his experience, his wisdom, and his geographical insight.

The *Dove* webpages that we keep up-to-date on the Internet are clearly very popular: typically there are 275 visits per day, sometimes peaking at nearly 400, by about 150 different visitors. On average they will view just over nine *Dove* webpages per visit (not necessarily different ones). Very occasionally coding problems, or data errors are identified. Sid Baldwin (John's son), to whom the Exercise continues to owe a great debt in respect of the time and professional expertise he puts in to the project at absolutely no cost to the Council, invariably quickly rectifies the coding ones associated with the presentation of the data on those webpages. The underlying data issues are usually either of our own making, hangovers from the days of the great man, Ron Dove himself, or are attributable to our contributors to the proto-NBR (whose submissions are of great interest and are much valued). That errors will exist is not surprising when one considers that we have a corpus of about one million individual pieces of data; that they are uncovered is a result of sustained scrutiny by a large group of highly motivated – and often articulate – users who usually lose no time in advising us of the presence of something incorrect, or apparently so. Revised versions of eight files for the webpages are routinely uploaded to the Internet nearly every day of the year, usually late in the evening, and there are at least another 12 which are uploaded as and when necessary. We also pride ourselves on having the facility comprehensively written up (from the Internet user's aspect), including extensive help and guidance pages, and a set of FAQs (frequently asked questions) to facilitate answering the more common enquiries received within e-mails; we dealt with more than 1000 *Dove* e-mails altogether during 2007. Also we keep a full audit trail of our work so that we can usually answer a question of the sort "why was that piece of data changed, what was its previous value, from whom did the new information come, and when did the change occur?". Our records indicate that 1815 changes were made to the entries in *Dove* during the year (in addition to minor changes such as adding indication of the presence of a toilet, or a slight refinement to a grid reference or its latitude / longitude equivalent). Tim Jackson's

contribution of double checking and of quality control for all these changes is invaluable. We cannot begin to estimate the number of man-hours this all involves except to say that it is considerable.

New features added to the webpages during 2007 have included a Favourites capability, indication of likely affiliation to societies for rings of 4 and upwards, and the inclusion of an additional field of data so that searches are more likely to produce an expected result. Thus, searching on London will now yield a response showing all towers within five miles of St Paul's irrespective of whether the tower title actually includes the word London or not, so that Westminster and Pimlico, for example, are included. It hardly need be said that this sort of capability is beyond the scope of a printed book.

The progress made on the proto-NBR within *Dove* was reported in a *Ringling World* article in August 2007 (p851), and it was our regret that at the turn of the year we were still short of detailed data for about 85 Suffolk towers, details which, we have been assured, *will be* forthcoming. 2706 submissions were made to the proto-NBR during the course of the year; each was processed and responded to and, although part of that processing is automated, as every response is handled manually that itself is no small task.

The biggest problem facing us is deciding upon and implementing a methodology for the long-term future. The current data are all held within a DOS-based piece of software and eventually Microsoft will undoubtedly achieve its goal of rendering such software unusable even though the particular product we currently use (DataEase) continues to prove not only to be highly versatile but especially appropriate to our need. We envisage a move to an SQL (or equivalent) environment, but it will probably be a long process before an actual switchover takes place and one which we would plan as being unnoticeable at the time by those who regularly use the facility. The long-term benefits will be the maintainability of the database into the future and greater scope for user searches especially of the proto-NBR data.

JOHN BALDWIN  
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## 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 namely:-

8 LEBANON GARDENS, LONDON  
SW18 1RG.

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

The 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

(died July 2007)

Mrs P M Wilkinson

The Chairman of the Fund is:

The Revd Preb J G M Scott

(until July 2007)

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 2007 is as follows:-

The loans provided by the Fund 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 the PCC of St Alban Wickersley to acquire four bells redundant from Highfield Liverpool (to provide a new ring of bells at St. Alban) remain outstanding and the projects are still pending.

The Managing Trustees are concerned that in both cases the arrival of a new Incumbent has stalled progress rather than encourage it and discussions are continuing with the Keltek Trust to consider alternative projects for the bells.

The Fund has continued to be involved in negotiations concerning the future of the eight bells redundant from All Saints Northampton, having been replaced by a new ring of ten. At the end of 2006 the Fund was able to safeguard the bells by way of providing a loan to Northampton for a sum representing their

discounted value, thanks to the prompt support of those ringers who have undertaken to provide loans for the Fund.

At the time the only project for the bells was installation at Kalgoorlie but it became clear during the course of 2007 that the project was not viable. The Managing Trustees are actively looking for an alternative so as to ensure that the bells are not left in storage for longer than necessary.

There has been a partial repayment of ringers loans and it is intended to have full repayment this year.

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 work closely with the Keltek Trust in these three projects as well as others in which this Fund may have an involvement - to ensure that bells becoming redundant are re-used 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 2007 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 2007

	2007	2006
<b>Incoming resources</b>		
Interest receivable	64	307
Loans from ringers	0	15,000
Nominal transfer from CCCBR (J Kershaw bequest 2006)	0	5,000
Loan repayment (part) from parishes	10,000	0
	<b>10,064</b>	<b>20,307</b>

<b>Resources expended</b>		
Loans to parishes	20,000	8,020
Part repayments of ringers' loans	9,920	0
	<b>29,920</b>	<b>8,020</b>

<b>Net outgoing (2007) / incoming (2006) resources</b>	<b>19,856</b>	<b>12,287</b>
Balances at 1 January 2007	20,112	7,825
Balances at 31 December 2007	256	20,112

### Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2007

<b>Current assets</b>		
Debtors: loans to parishes (see Note 1)	18,020	8,020
Cash held in CCCBR account	0	20,000
Cash at Bank and on deposit	256	112
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>18,276</b>	<b>28,132</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Interest free loans (by ringers: see Note 2)	5,080	15,000
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b>13,196</b>	<b>13,132</b>
<b>Funds</b>		
Unrestricted	13,196	13,132
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>13,196</b>	<b>13,132</b>

### Note 1:

Three loans to parishes are currently outstanding, viz £10,000, £4,020, £4,000.

### Note 2:

Final repayments of ringers' loans will be made when loans to parishes are repaid.

J C BALDWIN  
19 February 2008



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