

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

With the Ringing Remembers recruitment success and events covered in the District reports, I am pleased to be able to start this report on a new subject - the success of the Striking Competitions. This year they attracted a high number of entries from some new towers. Ten bands gathered together in October at Caterham St John's for the Six Bell and Eight Bell versions with Kingston victorious in both. Also congratulations to Battersea on winning July's Call Change Striking Competition at their home tower. Finally, well done to Merstham who retained the Southern District's Friendly Striking Challenge after a two-year gap.

On the Training front, Paul Flavell was in his last full calendar year as Training Officer. The Group arranged a full programme with monthly events as detailed later in this Report. However, they weren't resting on their laurels and tried to combine a full Training Day into an extended morning session that was generally welcomed.

After the massive project at Southwark Cathedral, the BRF had a quieter year of supporting smaller projects and, hence, building up a reserve again. They remain committed to spending their funds prudently so towers are encouraged to get in touch when the need arises. They are also there to offer advice and expertise.

Chris Baldwin continues, virtually singlehandedly, to look after the website, communications and social media of the Association. If you have something that might be of interest in the Surrey ringing community, do let people know.

The AGM in May at Merstham was packed and people were sitting on the floor as there weren't enough chairs. There was a majority to remove the need for election of members and this, together with other related rule changes will, by the time you read this, have been discussed and voted on at the 2019 AGM.

The Southern District said thanks to Andrew Howell as he stood down as Master and welcomed a very enthusiastic Paul Beeken to the role. There are now several, targeted practices each month all around the District so I am sure there is something there for everyone. Look at the website and/or look out for the Yahoo Groups' messages for the regular updates.

Despite being in post a few years longer than she hoped, Caroline Prescott and the Northern District Committee were no less enthusiastic with several monthly practices covering a range of abilities. During the year, some distinguished members who served their towers and the Association in several ways passed away: Jan Herd, Richard Horn and Peter Jefferson-Smith.

The finances of the General Fund continue to show a deficit but this has been planned to spend some of the money that has built up over the year; although both Districts make a large surplus. The simulator at Barnes was supported with £3,000 and the new one at Betchingley should be installed this year with a £4,000 grant. The Fellowship Grants have been paid occasionally and there has been one recipient of the Violet Potter Award; well done.

As I conclude this twenty-fifth and last General Committee report, I hope I can have a little leeway. Back in 1994 the Association had a similar number of paid up members but seemed to engage with more of them. There were certainly more quarter peals and rung at many more towers by local bands. Peal ringing over the recent past has been up to 40+ per year which put the past two years' 12 to shame. Districts have always been the backbone and hub of the Association and having two keen District Masters and an active Committee of six is the key to their success. The BRF has been generous throughout the time and the Training Committee/Group has varied in what it has offered. Of course, website, Yahoo Group and social media were alien concepts back then.

Richard Wallis



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GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2018 £	2017 £	2016 £
INCOME			
Resident Levy and Subscriptions	1,807.20	1,893.60	1,923.60
Non-Resident Subscriptions	8.00	-	16.00
Donations	-	38.00	10.00
Quiz surplus	25.00	1.53	1.92
Interest received (gross)	34.17	12.12	27.18
Total income for the year	<u>1,874.37</u>	<u>1,945.25</u>	<u>1,978.70</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Public Liability Insurance	450.81	400.58	403.91
less: Training contribution	-	-	-
Annual Report	580.00	600.00	600.00
less: Sales and advertising	-	(3.00)	(57.00)
Fellowship grants	629.90	638.81	547.40
The Ringing World donation	100.00	100.00	100.00
Ringing World adverts	-	-	27.00
Public Relations	-	108.93	22.83
Website	124.63	104.74	206.12
Ringing World National Youth Contest	184.16	104.00	-
Central Council - Affiliation fees and expenses	305.35	242.50	120.00
Friends of Central Council Library	10.00	10.00	10.00
The Violet Potter Award	12.00	-	-
Sundry expenses	13.99	20.26	60.00
Total expenditure for the year	<u>2,510.84</u>	<u>2,326.82</u>	<u>2,040.26</u>
(Deficit) for the year	<u>£(636.47)</u>	<u>£(381.57)</u>	<u>£(61.56)</u>
 Legacy Account:			
Receipt of Legacy	-	-	-
Brought forward	42,411.27	47,133.13	47,133.13
Belfry Maintenance Visits Contribution	904.00	4,313.86	-
Belfry Maintenance Book	51.00	408.00	-
Merton Bell	3,000.00	-	-
Barnes Dumb-bell	4,000.00	-	-
Carried forward	34,456.27	42,411.27	47,133.13
Commitment for Merton bell	-	3,000.00	-
Commitment for Bletchingley dumb-bell	3,000.00	3,000.00	-
	<u>31,456.27</u>	<u>36,411.27</u>	<u>47,133.13</u>

Independent Examiner's Reports

The original, signed independent examiner's reports on the accounts are available for inspection at the Annual General Meeting on 11 May 2019 or at any time on application to the appropriate Secretary. The accounts of the Peal Fund and the Bookstall have not been independently examined.

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BALANCE SHEET

	2018 £	2017 £	2016 £
ASSETS			
Deposit at COIF	6,559.80	7,525.63	7,506.12
Cash at Lloyds Bank	34,115.57	44,477.50	49,384.87
Cash at Pay Pal	261.13	-	-
Subscriptions and Levy owing	895.20	-	133.60
The Ringing World account	3.03	3.03	3.03
Total assets	<u>42,094.22</u>	<u>52,006.16</u>	<u>57,029.62</u>
LIABILITIES			
Subscriptions and Levy owing	-	-	-
Expenses	<u>227.03</u>	-	-
Total liabilities	<u>227.03</u>	-	-
Net Assets	<u>£41,867.19</u>	<u>£52,006.16</u>	<u>£57,029.62</u>
Represented by:			
Accumulated Fund			
Balance at 1st January	48,073.37	53,176.80	53,238.36
Add: (Deficit) for the year	(636.47)	(381.57)	(61.56)
Add: Legacy movement	<u>(7,955.00)</u>	<u>(4,721.86)</u>	-
	39,481.90	48,073.37	53,176.80
Training Committee account	2,385.29	2,772.50	2,698.92
BRF allocation from Peal Fund	-	1,160.29	1,154.90
	<u>£41,867.19</u>	<u>£52,006.16</u>	<u>£57,029.62</u>

PROPERTY REGISTER at 31 December 2018

The General Master, Noel Gibbin, holds the new Master's badge.

Kingston holds the Pat Cannon Trophy for the Eight Bell Striking Competition.

Kingston holds the Taylor Trophy for the Six Bell Striking Competition.

Battersea holds the Sid Saban Trophy for the Call Change Striking Competition.

The General Secretary, Richard Wallis, holds the complete TSB Bank trophy for the Call Change Striking Competition.

Croydon Minster holds the Inter Tower Quiz Trophy.

The Archivist, Sue Dixon, holds the Archive section of the Library.

The Librarian, Richard Wallis, holds the Book Collection section of the Library.

The General Secretary, Richard Wallis, holds the gavel and hammer.

Kate Wills and Caroline Prescott each holds a set of display boards.

NOTE

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