

SOUTHERN DISTRICT ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME						
Subscriptions (current year - gross)	901.00		886.00		946.00	
Levy to General Fund	540.60		531.60		567.60	
Net Subscriptions		360.40		354.40		378.40
Donations		60.00		5.00		33.00
Interest received		231.10		50.96		0.60
Total income for the year		<u>651.50</u>		<u>410.36</u>		<u>412.00</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Tower Donations		200.00		105.00		15.00
Meeting Expenses		0.00		0.00		0.00
Ringing World notices		8.60		0.00		0.00
Postage		0.00		23.55		0.00
Stationery		0.00		0.00		0.00
Total expenditure for the year		<u>208.60</u>		<u>128.55</u>		<u>15.00</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		<u><u>442.90</u></u>		<u><u>281.81</u></u>		<u><u>397.00</u></u>

BALANCE SHEET

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£	£
ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand	1,500.78	1,272.38	970.53
Deposit in COIF Account	5,504.52	5,273.42	5,222.46
Amount Due from Surrey Association	332.40	340.40	415.40
Ringing World advance	30.89	39.49	39.49
Total Assets	<u>7,368.59</u>	<u>6,925.69</u>	<u>6,647.88</u>
LIABILITIES			
Subscriptions to be repaid	0.00	0.00	4.00
Total Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4.00</u>
Net Assets	<u><u>£7,368.59</u></u>	<u><u>£6,925.69</u></u>	<u><u>£6,643.88</u></u>
Represented by:			
Accumulated Fund			
Balance at 1st January	6,925.69	6,643.88	6,246.88
Surplus/(Deficit)	442.90	281.81	397.00
Balance at 31st December	<u><u>£7,368.59</u></u>	<u><u>£6,925.69</u></u>	<u><u>£6,643.88</u></u>

PROPERTY REGISTER

The Collection Bell is held by the Secretary, Sue Dixon.
The Meeting Gavel is held by the Secretary, Sue Dixon.
The Richard Wallis Trophy is held jointly by Betchworth and Buckland

BELFRY REPAIR FUND ANNUAL REPORT

This was the first year in many in which a truly substantial grant was made from the fund, this being for the exciting installation of eight bells at Holy Trinity, Roehampton. After a commendably brief period of deliberation, the new bells were cast early in the year and installation followed in late summer, enthusiastically supported by quite a broad team of ringer volunteers.

As a result, the value of the fund stands at £14.0k at the end of 2023, compared with £21.5k at the start of the year. Receipts were boosted by a generous bequest from the late Dan Dawson-Taylor. Unfortunately, another early-November meteorological inundation meant that Brockham Bonfire had a reduced need for our services, thus decreasing our revenue from that quarter (while allowing several would-be volunteers a much drier bonfire night). Gift-aided donations were down slightly, but the Numbers Club yielded almost as much as it had in the peak year of 2022.

Donations were received during the year from the towers of St John's, Caterham and St Mary, Wimbledon; and from the PCCs of Beddington, Oxted and St John's, Egham. Our donors with regular standing orders made their usual much-valued contribution. Clothing purchases were made on behalf of five ringers this year, thanks to Kate Wills.

The committee, comprising Malcolm McAlister, Gail Terry, Russell King (who resigned during the year), Kate Wills, Noel Gibbin, Sid Bensberg and Paul Flavell, have continued their discussions of projects and awards as well as the running of the Numbers Club and the compilation of clothing orders.

Malcolm McAlister

Training report for SD ADM 24 February 2024

We had some very satisfactory training events in 2023 including the following:

Listening Skills	Oxted
Touches of Grandsire Doubles	Streatham
Foundation skills	Nutfield
Steeple keeping	Oxted
Plain Hunt on 5 and 6	Colliers Wood
Working with Simulators	Oxted
Surprise Minor	Esher
Tower Leadership	Barnes
Up and down	Caterham St John

All the courses were fully subscribed with students and we are grateful to all the helpers who gave their time to enable the students to ring with experienced ringers.

The main focus for 2024 is to move ringers, including the new Ring For The King recruits, to the next level, i.e. from RCC to PH, PH to PB, PB to Grandsire and so on. We have carried out a survey to ensure we focus on the right level of courses. There will be popular courses including ringing up and down, steeple keeping, Surprise Minor, Stedman Doubles and conducting. The full program will be published on the website but the first events are confirmed as follows:

3 February	Stedman Doubles	Thames Ditton
2 March	Up and Down in peal	Caterham St John
6 April	Steeple keeping	Oxted
4 May	Surprise Minor	Roehampton
1 June	Plain Hunt	East Molesey

These events will be publicised on email with links to the training page for students to apply for courses.

Communication Report

Communications Officer's Report

We are delighted to welcome So-Shan Au from Kingston to the communications team managing our recently launched Instagram account: surreybellringers.

The year end reel of photos which had been published throughout the year in the Association newsletter highlighted the variety of contributions from many towers. At the end of the year, the Instagram account which was launched at the beginning of December already had 155 followers.

Pam has already mentioned the Christmas showcase initiative which was a huge success with 22 Northern District Towers participating. Many of the posts were viewed widely across the association and beyond and the Facebook reach increased by 143% during December. I hope this will encourage members to continue to share their stories and photos with the communication team so that we can publish them on Facebook, Instagram and in the newsletter.

Another highlight for the Northern District was the Roehampton special edition newsletter in which Madeleine Neave pulled together a wonderful report to celebrate the culmination of everyone's hard work with choice anecdotes, commemorative photos and lists of those who supported the project in many ways.

Communications team:

Chris Baldwin	Webmaster
Alan Cooke	Facebook guy
So-Shan Au	Instagram
Jackie Harrison	Newsletter editor & Association Communications Officer