

BELFRY REPAIR FUND

With the eventual disbursement of the promised £20,000 to the Southwark Cathedral Development Trust, BRF total funds have fallen back to just under £12.5k at the end of 2017. Receipts during the year were 27% down on the total for 2016 but, apart from the Southwark contribution, only £250 of funds have been disbursed during the year. However, some £1,250 has been promised upon completion of works currently in progress and the first of the projects arising from the Association-supported inspections is now due for consideration by the committee.

The Numbers Club, run by Jill Wigney, has gone from strength to strength this year, with contributions up 7% from 2016. Ringers helping at the Brockham Bonfire, co-ordinated by Noel Gibbin, again brought in a figure 10% up on what they earned in 2015 and 16% greater than in 2014. Numbers of private donors fell slightly as did the number of PCCs donating.

After many successful years arranging the sales of clothing to members, including a final burst in May, Frances Clementi stood down this year. Frances has created a broad and attractive range of items over the years and made the ordering process simple and streamlined. Volunteers to take over the running of this well-tuned machinery would be very welcome.

As it is anticipated that more demands may arise from the tower inspections part-funded by Libby LeBihan's legacy, the Belfry Repair Fund will continue to fulfil an important role for ringing in Surrey. All members are therefore to be thanked for the generous contributions they make.

Malcolm McAlister

STATUTORY DECLARATIONS

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Number: 260561
Registered Address: 9 Cricket Green Close, Shackleford, Godalming, Surrey, GU8 6BY
Governing Document: The Surrey Association of Church Bell Ringers' Rules 48 - 50
Bankers: Barclays Bank Plc, Shirley, Croydon, Surrey.
Independent Examiner: Andrew Robinson.
None of the Fund's assets are a permanent endowment.
The Fund has no borrowing powers and no specific investment powers.

NARRATIVE INFORMATION

The objects of the Charity are to provide "for or towards the cost of bells, their fittings, or repairs thereto or any structural or mechanical work essential to the proper functioning of bells ringing full circle provided always that the bell or bells concerned are located within the county" (of Surrey as recognised in 1880).

The Charity is part of The Surrey Association of Church Bell Ringers (the "Association") which is managed by a General Committee elected by members annually.

The BRF Committee members are the Managing Trustees of the fund, a registered charity, but with the decision as to whether to give Grants or not in the hands of the Custodian Trustees - the General Committee - so as to give proper a protection for the charitable funds.

The BRF Committee shall comprise as a minimum the following:

- The elected BRF Secretary
- One of the Association General Master, General Secretary or the Assistant General Secretary
- One member of the Southern District Committee, nominated each year by the Southern District Committee
- One member of the Northern District Committee, nominated each year by the Northern District Committee

The Committee may co-opt other Association members to join the Committee as desired and as necessary from time to time, particularly in relation to any specific projects. The Committee shall elect its Chairman from among its members.

Current members are: Malcolm McAlister (BRF Secretary), Richard Wallis (General representative), Chris Clementi, Jeremy Cheesman (ND representative), Noel Gibbin (SD representative), Gail Terry, Kate Wills.

BELFRY REPAIR FUND RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	2017 £	2016 £	2015 £
RECEIPTS			
Donations: Gift Aid	795.00	1,013.00	970.00
Not Gift Aided	5.00	496.94	100.00
Towers	570.00	872.00	765.00
PCCs	190.00	590.00	640.00
Tax refunds	302.38	325.69	271.60
Northern District Meetings	50.41	57.00	98.23
Southern District Meetings	107.32	128.25	156.26
General Meetings	115.65	15.00	75.00
Mugs – Profit on sales	45.00	55.00	80.00
Clothing	100.80	-	91.88
Brockham Bonfire	550.00	550.00	500.00
Michael Uphill's donation re. Book	-	39.85	99.95
Numbers Club	858.35	796.95	791.55
Interest	54.65	190.15	181.78
Total income	<u>£3,744.56</u>	<u>£5,129.83</u>	<u>£4,821.25</u>
GRANTS			
Current year			
Southwark Cathedral	20,000.00	-	-
St Peter & St Paul, West Clandon	250.00	-	-
Prior year	-	-	-
Total payments in the year	<u>20,250.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess Payments over Receipts	16,505.44	5,129.83	4,821.25
Add: Fund at 1st January	<u>28,965.53</u>	<u>23,835.70</u>	<u>19,014.45</u>
Fund at 31st December	<u>£12,460.09</u>	<u>£28,965.53</u>	<u>£23,835.70</u>
DISPOSITION OF FUNDS			
Barclays Current Account	2,237.25	7,047.34	2,107.66
Virgin Charity Deposit Account	9,972.84	21,918.19	21,728.04
	<u>£12,460.09</u>	<u>£28,965.53</u>	<u>£23,835.70</u>

NOTE TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Michael Uphill's donation is reserved for ex-"London County" towers; there remains £1,644.70.
2. A grant of £250.00 has been promised to St Peter & St Paul, Ewhurst and a grant of £1,000 has been promised to St Nicholas, Godstone.

THANK YOU

Thanks are extended to the following towers for their donations during 2017:
Benhillon, Betchworth, Caterham St John's, Kingston upon Thames and Southwark Cathedral.

Thanks also to the following PCCs who made donations during 2017:
Beddington, Oxted and Ranmore.

BRF NUMBERS CLUB RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	2017 £	2016 £	2015 £
RECEIPTS			
Stakes	1,836.00	1,812.00	1,788.00
Donation	<u>3.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>
Total receipts	<u>1,839.00</u>	<u>1,813.00</u>	<u>1,789.00</u>
PAYMENTS			
Prizes	1,015.84	983.15	925.90
To Belfry Repair Fund	<u>858.35</u>	<u>796.95</u>	<u>791.55</u>
Total payments	<u>1,874.19</u>	<u>1,780.10</u>	<u>1,717.45</u>
Excess payments over receipts	-35.19	32.90	71.55
Add: Funds at 1 January	<u>1,099.45</u>	<u>1,066.55</u>	<u>995.00</u>
Funds at 31 December	<u>£1,064.26</u>	<u>£1,099.45</u>	<u>£1,066.55</u>
APPLICATION OF FUNDS			
Subscriptions received in advance	811.45	878.00	836.00
Quarterly prize fund	31.78	27.93	29.03
Annual prize fund	<u>221.03</u>	<u>193.52</u>	<u>201.52</u>
	<u>£1,064.26</u>	<u>£1,099.45</u>	<u>£1,066.55</u>
DISPOSITION OF FUNDS			
Barclays Current Account	1,064.26	1,099.45	1,066.55
Virgin Charity Deposit Account	-	-	-
	<u>£1,064.26</u>	<u>£1,099.45</u>	<u>£1,066.55</u>

NUMBERS CLUB WINNERS IN 2017

Draw	Number	Amount	Winner
January	121	£25.00	Sue Dixon (Ockley)
February	44	£111.81	Croydon Minster ringers
March	37	£25.00	Carole Cooles (Battersea)
April	58	£25.00	Nutfield ringers
May (quarterly)	135	£118.68	Ron Diserens (Dorking)
May (annual)	124	£346.06	Martin Crick (Richmond)
June	113	£25.00	Mike Wigney (Barnes)
July	19	£25.00	Paul Flavell (Kingston upon Thames)
August	26	£119.23	Irene Rich (Non-resident)
September	14	£25.00	Miranda Luck (Ockley)
October	44	£25.00	Croydon Minster ringers
November	79	£120.06	Judy Couperthwaite (Farnborough)
December	97	£25.00	Monica Trow (Barnes)