

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The year was not one of a single highlight but one where work was done in the background and, perhaps, the foundations made for a more active and better future.

The future is looking brighter with the start of two groups, one in each District, for our younger ringers and an entry in the Ringing World National Youth Contest. These meet up together as well and it will be the continuing get-togethers where a group will gel and become one that grows and progresses. Thanks to Caroline Prescott and Milica Reardon for making the arrangements.

Chris Baldwin has also been busy with a complete refresh of the website, using more modern technology that has become available in recent years. The modules used allowed him to pick and choose individual features that work well rather than rely on the one offering solution that tried to do everything.

Thirdly, whilst not held until the end of January 2017, arrangements were made in 2016 for an Open General Committee meeting, which laid some issues on the table for input and getting ideas for the future of the Association from as wide a pool of members as possible.

As you can read in the individual reports later in this publication, the individual Committees and the two Districts have been getting up to much during the 12 months as well. The resurgent Training Group organised a full annual programme of events and changed the emphasis of Training Day in line with the Learning the Ropes' way of teaching. The Belfry Repair Fund had a second year of not making any grants but the work by the ringers at Southwark Cathedral and the returns of the bells, six months' after their removal, in January 2017 means that the grant of £20,000 will soon be paid and they are looking for the next project.

District events have varied in support and, unfortunately, some had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers. Caroline Prescott and Andrew Howell are supported by keen Committees and would appreciate more support from the 300 or so members each District has on their books. However, each has continued with and introduced practices for specific targets with first Tuesday 12 Bell practices at Croydon, second Saturday Surprise Major practices at Bletchingley, third Friday Surprise Major practices at Carshalton (when possible) and tied bell practices at Bletchingley organised by Kate Wills.

During the year, past officers were thought of with the celebration of the wedding of Patrick Wills and Kate Desbottes but also sadness with the deaths of past officers Sylvia Davies, Barbara Hawkins and Don Little.

Richard Wallis



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GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2016 £	2015 £	2014 £
INCOME			
Resident Levy and Subscriptions	1,923.60	1,925.40	1,923.00
Non-Resident Subscriptions	16.00	16.00	8.00
Donations	10.00	15.00	241.60
Quiz surplus	1.92	199.15	102.20
Interest received (gross)	27.18	28.80	26.79
Total income for the year	<u>1,978.70</u>	<u>2,184.35</u>	<u>2,301.59</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Public Liability Insurance	403.91	372.39	372.39
less: Training contribution	-	-	-
Programme cards	-	35.00	84.00
Annual Report	600.00	600.00	590.00
less: Sales and advertising	(57.00)	(132.00)	(235.00)
Fellowship grants	547.40	-	-
The Ringing World donation	100.00	-	-
Postage, telephone and stationery	-	-	50.20
Ringing World adverts	-	-	22.50
Public Relations	22.83	333.65	-
Website	206.12	432.00	300.00
Central Council - Affiliation fees	120.00	120.00	120.00
Friends of Central Council Library	10.00	10.00	10.00
The Violet Potter Award	-	12.00	-
Sundry expenses	60.00	12.00	105.00
Total expenditure for the year	<u>2,040.26</u>	<u>1,795.04</u>	<u>1,419.09</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	<u>£(61.56)</u>	<u>£389.31</u>	<u>£882.50</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 13 May 2017 or at any time on application to the appropriate Secretary. The accounts of the Peal Fund and the Bookstall have not been independently examined.

Quarter Peal Week 2017

Saturday 13 to Sunday 21 May

Quarter Peal Week 2018

Saturday 12 to Sunday 20 May

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BALANCE SHEET

	2016 £	2015 £	2014 £
ASSETS			
Deposit at COIF	7,506.12	8,671.21	8,632.28
Cash at Lloyds Bank	49,384.87	48,756.01	1,478.95
Training receipts to be banked	-	-	133.00
Subscriptions and Levy owing	133.60	97.20	-
The Ringing World account	3.03	30.03	30.03
Total assets	<u>57,029.62</u>	<u>57,554.45</u>	<u>10,274.26</u>
LIABILITIES			
Subscriptions and Levy owing	-	-	-
Expenses	-	-	-
Total liabilities	-	-	-
Net Assets	<u>£57,029.62</u>	<u>£57,554.45</u>	<u>£10,274.26</u>
Represented by:			
Accumulated Fund			
Balance at 1st January	53,238.36	5,715.92	4,833.42
Add: (Deficit)/Surplus for the year	(61.56)	389.31	882.50
Add: Legacy	-	47,133.13	-
	<u>53,176.80</u>	<u>53,238.36</u>	<u>5,715.92</u>
Training Committee account	2,698.92	2,045.01	2,328.59
BRF allocation from Peal Fund	1,154.90	2,271.08	2,229.75
	<u>£57,029.62</u>	<u>£57,554.45</u>	<u>£10,274.26</u>

PROPERTY REGISTER at 31 December 2016

The General Master, Kate Flavell, holds the new Master's badge.
The former General Master, Anthony Gordon, holds the old Master's Badge.

Kingston holds the Pat Cannon Trophy for the Eight Bell Striking Competition.
Redhill holds the Taylor Trophy for the Six Bell Striking Competition.
Redhill 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, Kate Wills, 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 Trisha Hawkins of the former Public Relations Committee each holds a set of display boards.

NOTE

COIF is the *Charities Official Investment Fund* from CCLA Investment Management Limited (Registered in England No. 2183088, authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority). Funds are not covered by the £75,000 deposit guarantee of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme as it is not a bank.