

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The year started off with the BRF to the fore when the rehangings and work at Southwark Cathedral was completed and the £20,000 grant to them was paid over. This used most of the BRF's funds up but the Committee is always up for raising more and giving more to towers who apply. The Numbers Club continues to be well supported with monthly prizes and a magnificent, additional annual prize drawn at the AGM.

The Training Group also had a busy year with monthly events usually over-subscribed covering a whole range of topics that are described in Paul Flavell's report later. The Training Days took a more focused approach and concentrated on providing help to fewer individuals so they could progress quicker. Thanks to all those who help at these events as they wouldn't be possible without you. If you have benefited in the past from Surrey training, you will be most welcome to come back as a helper in years to come as well.

Chris Baldwin has led further developments to the website and dipping our toes into Social Media outlets. This is one area where many hands make light work and it is easier if more than person is involved. Could that be you? If so, do let Chris know. Caroline Prescott and Kate Wills looks after the display boards and these are available to towers who have suitable events - do contact them in good time.

Caroline Prescott and Milica Reardon continued their efforts to engage and enthuse our younger members with a range of events. As the cover of this Annual Report shows, the highlight was Surrey's second entry in the *Ringling World National Youth Contest* in July in Birmingham.

At District level, the Committees have been stable for a couple of years now so they continue to do the main job of the Association by keeping in touch with local ringers and towers. The monthly practices and events arranged have varied in their popularity. Each district organised outings that were well supported and the monthly practices (including those on 12 bells or Surprise Major) appealed to their target audience and progress could be seen.

Nationally, Kate Flavell stood down as Central Council Public Relations Officer in May whilst Paul Flavell continues on the Compositions Committee, Jeremy Cheesman an Independent Examiner and Richard Wallis a Director of The Ringing World Ltd. The meeting at Edinburgh voted on considerable change in The Central Council and it remains to be seen what relationship the new organisation will have with currently affiliated associations. Perhaps there won't be any Representatives in future at all?

The finances of the Association remain healthy. A new, separate statement on how we are spending Libby LeBihan's legacy is now included. This has been put to use with 20 subsidised belfry inspections and giving Bell Maintenance books to towers this year and will contribute £3,000 to the augmentation of St John the Divine, Merton to 10 bells with a bell suitably inscribed. Otherwise, the Districts continue to build up funds whilst the General Fund buys insurance and produces the Report.

During the year, some distinguished members who served and were part of the Association in several ways passed away: Jean Kimber, George Swallow, Michael Chase, Don Fitzgerald, Charles Turnbull, Colin Yandle and Wilfred Dunn.

Richard Wallis



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GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	2017 £	2016 £	2015 £
INCOME			
Resident Levy and Subscriptions	1,893.60	1,923.60	1,925.40
Non-Resident Subscriptions	-	16.00	16.00
Donations	38.00	10.00	15.00
Quiz surplus	1.53	1.92	199.15
Interest received (gross)	12.12	27.18	28.80
Total income for the year	<u>1,945.25</u>	<u>1,978.70</u>	<u>2,184.35</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Public Liability Insurance	400.58	403.91	372.39
less: Training contribution	-	-	-
Programme cards	-	-	35.00
Annual Report	600.00	600.00	600.00
less: Sales and advertising	(3.00)	(57.00)	(132.00)
Bell maintenance grants and book	4,721.86	-	-
Fellowship grants	638.81	547.40	-
The Ringing World donation	100.00	100.00	-
Ringing World adverts	-	27.00	-
Public Relations	108.93	22.83	333.65
Website	104.74	206.12	432.00
Central Council - Affiliation fees and expenses	242.50	120.00	120.00
Friends of Central Council Library	10.00	10.00	10.00
The Violet Potter Award	-	-	12.00
Sundry expenses	20.26	60.00	12.00
Total expenditure for the year	<u>2,326.82</u>	<u>2,040.26</u>	<u>1,795.04</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	<u>£(381.57)</u>	<u>£(61.56)</u>	<u>£389.31</u>
 Legacy Account:			
Receipt of Legacy	-	-	47,133.13
Brought forward	47,133.13	47,133.13	-
Belfry Maintenance Visits Contribution	4,318.86	-	-
Belfry Maintenance Book	408.00	-	-
Carried forward	42,411.27	47,133.13	47,133.13
Commitment for Merton bell	3,000.00	-	-
Commitment for Bletchingley dumb-bell	3,000.00	-	-
	<u>36,411.27</u>	<u>47,133.13</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 12 May 2018 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

	2017 £	2016 £	2015 £
ASSETS			
Deposit at COIF	7,525.63	7,506.12	8,671.21
Cash at Lloyds Bank	44,477.50	49,384.87	48,756.01
Subscriptions and Levy owing	-	133.60	97.20
The Ringing World account	3.03	3.03	30.03
Total assets	<u>52,006.16</u>	<u>57,029.62</u>	<u>57,554.45</u>
LIABILITIES			
Subscriptions and Levy owing	-	-	-
Expenses	-	-	-
Total liabilities	-	-	-
Net Assets	<u>£52,006.16</u>	<u>£57,029.62</u>	<u>£57,554.45</u>
Represented by:			
Accumulated Fund			
Balance at 1st January	53,176.80	53,238.36	5,715.92
Add: (Deficit)/Surplus for the year	(5,103.43)	(61.56)	389.31
Add: Legacy	-	-	47,133.13
	<u>48,073.37</u>	<u>53,176.80</u>	<u>53,238.36</u>
Training Committee account	2,772.50	2,698.92	2,045.01
BRF allocation from Peal Fund	1,160.29	1,154.90	2,271.08
	<u>£52,006.16</u>	<u>£57,029.62</u>	<u>£57,554.45</u>

PROPERTY REGISTER at 31 December 2017

The General Master, Kate Flavell, holds the new Master's badge.

Croydon Minster 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.

Reigate 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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