

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS  
GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2019**

**AGENDA**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Requests to take any items of Any Other Business.
3. Minutes of the previous General Committee meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019 - attached

**INFORMATION AND REPORTS**

4. Matters arising
  - a) Future of the General Committee
5. Correspondence
6. Reports of Subcommittees
  - a) Finance and General Purposes
  - b) Education - attached
  - c) Towers and Belfries - attached
7. Central Council Representatives' report - attached
8. Diary of Events - attached

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

9. Guild Budget - attached
10. Subscriptions for 2020
  - a) Resident Ringing Members & Associate Members
  - b) Non-resident Ringing Members
11. Peal Fees for 2020
12. Management of the Restoration Fund - attached

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION**

13. Developing a Public Relations Group
14. Quorum for AGM
15. Any Other Business – as agreed at the beginning of the meeting
16. Concluding vote of thanks

## **ITEM 3 – Minutes of previous General Committee**

### **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS**

#### **GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Held in the Village Hall at Kirtlington on March 9<sup>th</sup>. 2019

**Subject to ratification at the next General Committee meeting.**

The Master opened the meeting with a prayer. The meeting was attended by 54 members.

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

The attendance book was circulated. Eleven apologies for absence were entered.

**2. Request for urgent items of Any Other Business.**

There was one request from Susan Read to look at the mileage rate for officers.

**3. Minutes of the General Committee meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018.**

There were no corrections. The minutes were signed by the Master.

**4. Matters arising.**

The Master and Tim Hayward reported that the new website is coming on apace, although more photographs are needed. Bill Butler is writing a précis of the history of the Guild. The Master and Colin Newman are designing a Young Ringers' page. Tim Hayward asked for photographs of officers to be sent to him. He is also looking to find someone with the skills to manipulate the Guild logo for the website use.

**5. Correspondence**

Nothing has been received.

**6. Reports from and Election of subcommittees**

**6a. Education**

Robert Newton had nothing to add to the report that had been circulated. June Wells asked about the Young Ringers' Award. Details had been sent out two weeks ago and young ringers must register before March 31<sup>st</sup> 2019.

A grant application has been made for the installation of a Dumb Bell at Bray, together with computer equipment. This would aid training, teaching to ring, learning methods, striking etc. The total outlay would be £5210. It is proposed to grant £333 from the Guild.

This was agreed by the meeting.

Elected to this subcommittee from the General Committee were as follows: Robert Newton, Tony Crabtree, Jacquie Hazell, Patricia Newton, Joyce Vernon, Lindsey Powell, and Colin Newman.

The acceptance of these was proposed by Catherine Lane, seconded by Ken Davenport. Carried nem con.

**6b. Towers and Belfries Subcommittee**

This report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Tony Crabtree added that they hope to run 3 courses a year. The first will be on June 1<sup>st</sup> and would cover splicing and rope maintenance. Wheatley tower has been suggested.

The second course will be on September 13<sup>th</sup>, content to be advised.

Mark Walker wishes to stand down from this committee after 18 years, and a grateful vote of thanks is recorded.

Members from this subcommittee to be elected are: Tony Crabtree, John Davidge, Graham Clifton, and Keith Vernon.

These were proposed en bloc by Hilarie Rogers, seconded by Stuart Gibson carried nem con.

John Harrison added that branches should be encouraged to hold rope splicing courses themselves.

**6c. Finance and General Purposes Subcommittee.**

This report was distributed prior to the meeting. Jenny Page asked if money could be earmarked for Young Ringers.

The election of three members from this subcommittee took place: Robert Newton, Alan Marchbank, and Graham Clifton.

Proposed by Jenny Page, seconded by Stuart Gibson, carried nem con.

**7. Reports**

**7a. Peal Secretary** (report distributed prior to the meeting)

Ken Davenport had nothing to add.

**7b. Public Relations Officer**

This post is vacant.

**7c. Safeguarding Officer**

June Wells said a C2 course will be taking place on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Posters advertising this have gone out. June added that anyone training or in a leadership post in a tower should complete this course and also have a DBS.

**7d. Librarian** (report distributed prior to the meeting)

Doug. Beaumont would be very grateful to anyone to take photographs electronically of the archives.

**7e. Webmaster**

This had largely been covered under Matters Arising. Tim Hayward added that if anyone wanted to look at the rules, they would be on the old website until the new one is up and running.

**7f. Server Manager (report distributed prior to the meeting)**

Richard Stanworth had nothing to add except that he is having a constant battle with spam.

**7g. Report Editor**

Heather Browning thanked everyone for their prompt reports. She apologised that this edition is white, she forgot to ask for a specific colour. 620 copies have been printed at a cost of £1758.

The Master said that all Heather's hard work was greatly appreciated.

**8. Diary of events.**

Ken Darvill advised that there will be an update being distributed soon. Coming up in May is the Ringing Day on which Alan Marchbank is finalising arrangements and then the Guild AGM. For the latter, towers will be open in the morning, there will be lunch and a service with the Bishop of Buckingham preaching.

Susan Read mentioned the Young Ringers' Day on April 13<sup>th</sup> in Oxford. All young ringers in the Guild are very welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult.

**9. Posts specified in Rule 9(c) & (f) (iii). Notification of officers not willing to stand for re-election.**

The Minute Secretary wishes to stand down. All other officers are willing to stand.

The Master thanked her for her magnificent contribution over many years and acknowledged that she, and her skills, would be very difficult to replace.

**10. Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018**

The Treasurer said that the accounts remained much the same as ever.

The acceptance of these accounts was proposed by Stuart Gibson, seconded by Alan Marchbank, Carried nem con.

**11. Management of the Restoration fund.**

Stuart thanked the 6 branches that have made donations. Grants of £540 have been made.

The acceptance of the accounts for the year ending 31.12.2018 was proposed by Stuart Gibson, seconded by John Davidge carried nem con.

## **12. Donations to the Bell fund, Restoration Fund and the Ringing World.**

Stuart Gibson – Treasurer proposed that £1000 should be given to each of the Bell Fund and Restoration Fund and £200 to the Ringing World. This was seconded by Graham Clifton, carried nem con.

Susan Read asked whether it would be possible to recommend a donation to ART, Association of Ringing Teachers and was told that this would have to be discussed at the AGM.

## **13. Future of the General Committee**

A meeting of the Master, Deputy Master, Secretary and Treasurer has taken place and the Master outlined some thoughts. Our aim is to restructure the General Committee to form smaller, more effective groups that can reach decisions and progress them more quickly. Ultimately this would require a Rule Change, but this afternoon it is being put forward for consideration and reasoned discussion. She suggested that there is an Executive Team consisting of the Master, the Deputy Master, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, together with the PRO, if ever there is one.

This team would endeavour to generate ideas that would benefit and promote the Guild and be proactive in gathering ideas and suggestions for development from the ODG members.

There would also be a Management Committee, which would include the Executive Team, the Guild Stewards (their role to be redefined to include greater responsibility for promoting the guild, recruitment, training and communications), the Branch Secretaries (emphasis on communications and promoting the Guild), the Safeguarding Officer, the Deputy Treasurer, the Webmaster and the Server Manager.

The Executive Team should report to the Management Committee in the same way that we as officers report to the General Committee. The Deputy Treasurer, Webmaster and Server Manager should report to the Treasurer.

The Management Committee responsibilities would include Disciplinary measures, Preparing the report for the AGM/plus other agenda items, Requesting any necessary extraordinary general meetings, Managing the Guild, Appointing a (PRO) subcommittee, Defining the terms of reference for subcommittees, Responsibility for ensuring sound fiscal arrangements and for ensuring the care of Guild property, Proposing rule changes if required, Giving approval of branch structure, Publication of the annual report, Determining the peal fee, Setting subscriptions and determining the proportion to the Branch/Guild, and Appointing additional officers / filling casual vacancies.

In addition, the Towers and Belfries and Education Subcommittees should continue their independent work and report back to the Executive Team and the Management Committee.

The other responsible posts, such as Peal Secretary, Membership Secretary, Librarian, Report Editor, Newsletter Editor all work independently but can be included in any meeting.

Each year there would be an AGM when the work and decisions made by the above can be reported and ratified. Additionally there would be at least one minuted Management Committee Meeting and a minuted Branch Secretaries' Meeting which can be attended by all of the above.

There were several observations from the floor: AGM able to elect (say) 3 members to the Management Committee, permission to co-opt to the committee to gain particular skills, do we need Branch reps, or could a secretary or branch rep attend a meeting? If we don't have meetings people would lose the opportunity to meet up. We should consider what the Central Council are doing in appointing non-CC members to their working groups.

More thought is to be given and brought back to another meeting. In the meantime written thoughts can be exchanged by email.

We also need to give thought to communicating with our younger members.

#### **14. Resolution of the Merger of Restoration Fund and Oxford Diocesan Bell fund.**

In line with the discussion earlier this afternoon at the Bell Fund AGM, this matter will come forward at the Guild AGM and the next General Committee meeting.

#### **15. Any other business as agreed at the start.**

In response to a query from Susan Read, it was proposed by Stuart Gibson to change the mileage rate incurred on Guild business to the fuel element figure on the HMRC website. This was seconded by Richard Stanworth. This was carried with one abstention.

Graham John reported that the Central Council AGM is being moved from May to September and will include a mini road show to which all would be welcome.

#### **16. The concluding vote of thanks.**

This was given by Tony Crabtree, thanking the local team, Sue, Sue, Judith and especially Steve Vickars for all his organisation work.

The meeting closed at 4.45p.m. Ringing took place afterwards.

### **ITEM 6a Report of Finance & General Purposes Subcommittee**

This report is in a separate document which will be available after 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.

## **ITEM 6b Report of Education Subcommittee**

The Education sub-committee has met regularly at Aston Rowant throughout the year where the standard business of the group has been transacted. Colin Newman has been elected chairman and is currently getting to grips with the working of the group as it stands today.

No training meeting has been held in the last year, but one is planned for 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2020. All of the regular courses have taken place, which can all be deemed a success thanks to the hard work of some very dedicated organisers. Thank you to all those involved in the organisation and those who give up their time to help on these courses.

An additional meeting of the group was held in May, specifically to discuss the format and future of the Guild Young Ringers Award. A number of actions were taken away from this but unfortunately a follow up meeting in August had to be cancelled at short notice. This will be rescheduled in the next period, to build on ideas currently on the table for this and other items in the youth arena. From an action taken in the original meeting, and thanks to the input of many branch members, it has been established that we have somewhere in the region of 140 ringers under the age of 21 in the Guild, with many of those being quite widely dispersed. Clearly there are many challenges to developing and retaining the younger element of our membership in something as geographically vast as the ODG, but hopefully with the minds we have, we can come up with some robust plans to address them.

Despite attendees hailing from locations as far apart as Newbury and Newport Pagnell, the Guild Youth Team managed to meet monthly in various locations to develop their striking skills in preparation for the RWNYC. The contest was held in Liverpool this year with the team, having worked extremely hard, being placed first and bringing home the Whitechapel Trophy for the first time. A fantastic achievement for them. We are always looking for new blood in this group and would be pleased to hear from any young ringers under the age of 18 who can hunt the treble to Triples unaided as a minimum.

Robert Newton - Secretary

## **ITEM 6c Report of Towers & Belfries Subcommittee**

We have met twice since the Spring Committee; at Radley. The first meeting of 2020 is 20<sup>th</sup> February. We have eleven members but would welcome more; particularly in the East and North East of the Guild. You do not need to be "experienced" in belfry matters but must have a practical outlook, be keen & able to learn and work as part of a team. Please contact Tony Crabtree if you are interested.

The three 2019 courses were very popular with the rope splicing and rope management module at Radley Church Hall very busy. Nearly 50 ODG members attended the courses as students with four or five committee members and helpers at each course. We have been developing the course to get the most out of it. We now stick with a single location and create the variety of tuition opportunities by assembling a range of artefacts in the nave of the church. For instance: timber and iron headstocks, different pulleys, rope bosses, wheels and ropes. The experimental Friday course was well attended. The main issue was timing the test ringing to fit the break times at the nearby school!

We will have three courses in 2020: There will be a repeat of the Winter rope course at Radley on February 8<sup>th</sup> and another two Summer general tower courses on June 6<sup>th</sup> at Leckhampstead (N Bucks) and on 19<sup>th</sup> September at Ivinghoe. Invitations for all these courses will go out as soon as we are ready to take bookings but expressions of interest are welcome at any time.

There is a big demand for rope splicing and we are happy to support local courses with tuition. We want people to come ready to learn skills they can put to use in their local towers, whether splicing ropes or spotting preventive measures so the rope wear can be reduced and rope life extended.

Since the last General Committee report, Committee members have been very active with grant inspections, TMA inspections, general advice or minor work at the following places: Stoke Goldington, Dorchester and Stratfield Mortimer (TMA), Broadwell and Hampstead Norreys (prospective restoration schemes), Stanton St John (helpers for the bell hangers concluding the restoration work), Witney, Thame and Warfield (stays), Eynsham (grants for restoration), Little Horwood (potential restoration and simulator), West Challow (replacement chiming ropes), Weston on the Green (prospective improvements scheme), Cookham (prospective inspection), Marlow (access issues and prospective scheme), Cheddington (conversion of curved stay to straight), Shipton under Wychwood, Calverton and Steventon (Bell Fund grant inspection), Bray (bearing problems). Aylesbury Holy Trinity and Hulcott (redundant bells) and Burghfield (general advice).

At its last meeting, besides inspection reports and planning courses, we discussed the general availability of advice and website downloads. We considered how best practice could be shared across the country and CCCBR. The committee had further discussions on clapper alignment and particularly how to measure and correct this. It may sound tedious, but if you want your bells not to be “odd-struck” or for the clappers not to wear out prematurely, you should be very interested! Several more towers are getting alive to the topic and we expect to receive more enquiries in the coming months. Besides doing TMA inspections and grant inspections, members are happy to come and give general advice too. If you want to book a visit, you have only to ask the Secretary or Chairman who can then find the nearest, member come and have a look.

The Tower Maintenance Award (TMA) scheme continues and towers are encouraged to join in. There are 22 “current” awards and a further 28 recently “expired”, representing 50 towers or about 19% of the ODG. Inspections are free and there is lots to be gained from the inspection and the advice you may receive, so please get in touch if you would like a visit.

Tony Crabtree – Chairman.

## **ITEM 7 Report of the Central Council Representatives**

This was the first Council weekend under the new regime and there were significant differences. It took place over the first weekend of September, it was open to all ringers, there were many presentations from the new workgroups and there was a mini-roadshow. Quite a lot of non-Council members took part, including the meetings, and generally the feedback was very positive.

The venue was Goldsmith’s College in New Cross, South London where relatively cheap accommodation was provided in the student hostel, albeit in single rooms. This had the advantage that apart from tower bell ringing, all the events were contained within the relatively compact campus. The weekend started on Friday with ringing at various City and nearby towers although this was not well supported. There was also a tour of St Paul’s Cathedral ringing room and belfry which

was much appreciated by those who attended. In the evening there was an informal dinner in the form of a hot buffet followed by a quiz, ably hosted by quizmaster Phil Barnes.

The first part of Saturday morning was taken up by presentations from the 4 workgroups on their 2018/9 projects and plans for the future. The disadvantage was that all 4 sessions took place simultaneously although they were largely repeated immediately afterwards so that it was possible to attend two of them.

These were followed by the AGM of the Ringing World Ltd which was the last meeting for the retiring editor, Robert Lewis, who was presented with a commemorative bell in appreciation of his 19 years' service. Also retiring was the board chairman, Nigel Orchard, who was replaced by the Reverend Canon David Grimwood. In his final report, Nigel noted that the quality of the paper had continued to improve and he alluded to the success of Bellboard and the RW National Youth Contest (incidentally won by the ODG this year!). We were assured by the treasurer that the finances are in a healthy state largely due to the continuation of generous donations from ringers. Perhaps the most controversial part of the meeting was the motion from the Board to change the charitable objects from a religious focus to an educational one. As expected there was a lot of discussion on this with a few eminent ringers speaking against the motion although the majority were clearly in favour. The result was that the motion was carried by an overwhelming majority on a show of hands.

The main Council meeting took place after lunch with a break for refreshments halfway through. The formal part of the meeting consisted chiefly of the presentation of the accounts and reports from the Executive and workgroups. The new structure had resulted in the winding-up of the Administrative Committee and the 8 member Executive had assumed the role of supporting the workgroups and their leaders. It would be impossible to detail here all the good work that the workgroups have carried out in their first year which has been well documented in the Ringing World and online. However, one notable achievement that is worth mentioning was the introduction of the new Framework for Method Ringing. This had several years of discussion and refinement with input from many notable ringers and was finally implemented by the Executive on February 24<sup>th</sup> with an effective date of 1<sup>st</sup> June. All the previous Decisions of the Council were retired from the same date.

One of the final acts of the meeting was to elect Simon Linford as the new president to replace Christopher O'Mahony who has retired and is returning to Australia. Christopher will be remembered mostly for his role in helping to transform the Council by setting up the CRAG consultation group which then led to the implementation of the new structure which so far seems to be working extremely well. Simon will have a hard act to follow but if he lives up to his supporting statement he will "make a difference at a time of change that needs to be grasped" with "a reputation for doing things, changing things, persuading others, making people believe the very difficult can be done".

Following the Council meeting there was a simple act of worship led by David Grimwood in the main hall of Goldsmith's College. This had a rather different format from usual with readings and music, played by a local group and a course of Yorkshire S Major on handbells. The president's reception and Council dinner was held in the evening with guest speakers Diana Evans, from Historic England and the Reverend Canon Stephens Evans, Rector of St Marylebone.

Sunday was taken up entirely with a mini road show comprising speaker events and exhibitions. The speakers covered a wide range of topics, some of these further information about the work of the workgroups and others about more personal ringing-related activities. For example, Graham John

talked about his composition library, Simon Linford the pickled egg project, David Pearson on setting up a youth band, Alan Regin on Ringing Remembers, Bill Hibbert on the science and history of bell tuning and many others. Again, as 3 or sometimes 4 of these sessions took place simultaneously it was impossible to attend more than a few of them.

The exhibition stands covered most aspects of bell founding and hanging and the bell related companies were well represented. There were also dumbbells, software, publications, ART and a very innovative 3D printing machine which could print model bells for use as training aids. There were several mini rings outside on the college green and inside a very interesting training aid designed like a maypole.

Overall, the weekend was a huge success but only 149 Council representatives attended which was disappointingly low. It compared with 163 last year at Lancaster and was the lowest attendance for over 20 years. An attempt will be made to find out if this was due to the change of date, the venue or some other reason by reviewing and summarising all the feedback. The next meeting weekend has already been booked for the first weekend in September 2020 at Nottingham University so it will give more of an idea as to whether the date is the problem rather than the venue.

Tim Pett - CCCBR Representative

## ITEM 8

# OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS



## DIARY OF EVENTS

(as at November 2019)

(Note: As well as ODG events, this document contains dates, *in italics*, from sources including the “Things to ring for...” page on the Central Council website. For the full list, see <http://cccb.org.uk/things-to-ring-for/>)

### **2019**

Ten-Bell Course  
Saturday 30th November  
Aston Clinton

### **2020**

Rope Splicing & Maintenance Course  
Saturday 8th February  
Radley

Training Meeting  
Saturday 22nd February

Sponsored Quarter Peal Week  
Saturday 22nd to Saturday 29th February

Spring General Committee & Bell Fund AGM  
Saturday 14th March  
Tilehurst

Radley Course  
Saturday 4th April  
Radley

*St George's Day*  
*Thursday 23rd April*

Ringling Day  
Friday 8th May  
VoWH Branch

*VE Day Anniversary*  
*Friday 8th May*

AGM and Eight-Bell Striking Competition  
Saturday 16th May  
Old North Berks Branch

General Tower & Belfry Course  
Saturday 6th June  
Leckhampstead (Bucks)

General Belfry Course  
Saturday 19th September  
Ivinghoe

# **Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers**

## **November General Committee Meeting**

### **Draft Budget for 2020**

This budget was prepared in September with more care than usual. Last year's budget didn't really foresee the extra expenses involved in sponsoring two teams in the Ringing World National Youth Contest held in Liverpool in 2019, so this year I was determined to be better prepared. The budget below was approved by the Finance & General Purposes (F&GP) committee and has not been changed since then.

The budget has columns to show the actual income and costs in 2017, 2018 and 2019 (eight months) and the predicted income and costs for 2020. Please note that the 2019 figures are incomplete. Significant income and costs are expected and we cannot predict the final outcome.

In 2019 the ODG started holding day courses run by the Association of Ringing Teachers (ART), mostly to teach how to teach ringing. Expert tutors are used who often have to travel large distances to run a course. Each participant is equipped with a useful pack of books worth almost as much as the fee payable to ART. And each is partnered with an experienced teacher of ringing as his/her mentor so that they take their first steps in teaching with the reassurance of someone helping them. Five courses were held (see Note 3 Courses for the financial details).

Early this year the ODG received a £220 grant from the Bradfield course "for the training and development of individuals or groups". The F&GP decided to use it to subsidise an ART course to teach young members of the ODG how to teach ringing. It is shown in Note 2, Donations and Peal Fees received. The ODG paid £20 for each young person on the course (Note 12, Grant Expenditure). What we did not know when we prepared the budget was that the Bradfield Course would give us a further donation, £330, for training and development. The F&GP will be consulting about how the grant should be used.

This year we have shown the activity related to young ringers separately in Note 9. Here the overall cost of sending a team to the Liverpool competition may be seen. Next year's competition will be held in York and it was useful to judge the likely costs in comparison with those of 2019. In addition we held a Young Ringer Fest in Oxford in April 2019. It is good that the ODG has a growing group of young ringers that we can help toward taking a greater part in ringing in our area.

The budget indicates that it is possible that the ODG will have a deficit of around £1,700 in 2020, possibly related to the higher than usual costs of sponsoring our youth teams in the Ringing World competition in York in 2020. In view of the reserves currently held by the Guild, this is not thought to be a problem.

Susan Read

Assistant Treasurer

13 October 2019

# Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers

## Income & Expenditure

Draft budget, 2020

Period ending 13 October 2019

	Notes	2017 Actual £	2018 Actual £	2019 YTD £	2020 Budget £
<b>Income</b>					
Subscriptions	1	12,135	12,485	12,441	12,261
Donations & Peal fees	2	901	1,038	810	1,017
Course fees	3	1,653	2,125	2,710	3,440
Ringling events	4	0	0	0	0
Young ringer events	9	118	175	305	180
Book Stall	10	665	517	280	500
Other sales		188	178	8	260
Interest		33	54	22	10
Other income		0	0	0	
<b>Total income</b>		<b>15,693</b>	<b>16,572</b>	<b>16,575</b>	<b>17,668</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Book stall costs	10	545	448	446	400
Other fundraising costs	11	13	309	0	0
Grant expenditure	12	2,673	3,421	3,003	3,770
Course costs	3	1,248	1,664	2,188	2,755
Ringling event costs	4	464	245	125	350
Young ringer costs	9	398	865	1,556	1,890
Ringling support	13	752	464	489	540
Ringling publications	14	3,921	4,402	2,309	3,650
Officers expenses		357	261	32	510
Admin costs & printing		186	399	25	390
Insurance costs	15	4,665	4,748	3,473	4,950
Professional fees	16	160	160	0	170
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>15,382</b>	<b>17,386</b>	<b>13,645</b>	<b>19,375</b>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>311</b>	<b>(814)</b>	<b>2,931</b>	<b>(1,707)</b>

## Notes to the Accounts

### 1 Subscriptions

The number of subscriptions received from each branch follows:

Banbury	137	145	140	141
Bicester	74	65	69	69
Central Bucks	217	197	215	209
Chiltern	108	115	117	115
Chipping Norton	85	84	89	87
East Berks & South Bucks	302	320	305	309
Newbury	152	152	149	151
North Bucks	209	188	200	198
Old North Berks	249	259	245	250
Oxford City	142	148	153	150
Reading	196	192	203	198
Sonning Deanery	159	158	164	161
South Oxon	130	133	134	133
Vale of the White Horse	89	95	90	91
Witney & Woodstock	170	182	180	179
<b>Total members</b>	<b>2,419</b>	<b>2,433</b>	<b>2,453</b>	<b>2,441</b>
Non-Resident Life Members	5	10	7	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,424</b>	<b>2,443</b>	<b>2,460</b>	<b>2,448</b>

Notes	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>2 Donations and Peal fees received</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Peal fees	801	956	590	930
Donations received	100	82	0	87
Donations restricted to youth training (Bradfield Grant)	0	0	220	0
Total donations and peal fees	<u>901</u>	<u>1,038</u>	<u>810</u>	<u>1,017</u>
Agreed practice is to donate 50% of the Peal Fees received to the Bell Fund				
The Bradfield Grant has been used to subsidise young ringers on ART training courses. See note 12				
<b>3 Courses</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Course income</b>				
Michaelmas course	285	400	220	300
Radley course	626	670	750	750
Steeple Aston course	600	600	0	600
Other courses	72	255	0	180
Towers & Belfries Committee courses	70	200	165	360
ART courses	0	0	1,575	1,250
Total course income	<u>1,653</u>	<u>2,125</u>	<u>2,710</u>	<u>3,440</u>
<b>Course costs</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Michaelmas course	260	275	0	280
Radley course	410	518	479	490
Steeple Aston course	472	468	158	580
Other courses (ODG Training Meetings)	57	303	0	180
Towers & Belfries Committee courses	48	100	70	90
ART courses	0	0	1,482	1,135
Total course costs	<u>1,248</u>	<u>1,664</u>	<u>2,188</u>	<u>2,755</u>
<b>Net course income (costs)</b>	<u>405</u>	<u>461</u>	<u>522</u>	<u>685</u>
<b>4 Ringing events</b>				
Guild Festival (occasional)	0	0	0	0
Other Guild ringing events	154	70	0	50
Striking competitions (hall hire, judges gifts)	220	175	125	200
Repair of damage (Rule 16) (2017, broken stay, Cholsey)	90	0	0	100
Total Ringing Event Costs	<u>464</u>	<u>245</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>350</u>
<b>Net Ringing Event income (costs)</b>	<u>(464)</u>	<u>(245)</u>	<u>(125)</u>	<u>(350)</u>
<b>9 Young Ringer Activities</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
RWNYC income ODG team	118	175	125	180
RWNYC costs ODG team	(398)	(610)	(778)	(1,240)
RWNYC costs B&B team	0	(185)	(550)	(650)
Net RWNYC costs	<u>(280)</u>	<u>(620)</u>	<u>(1,203)</u>	<u>(1,710)</u>
Other young ringer income	0	0	180	0
Other young ringer costs	0	(70)	(228)	0
Total Young Ringer Activities	<u>(280)</u>	<u>(690)</u>	<u>(1,251)</u>	<u>(1,710)</u>

	2017	2018	2019	2020
Notes	Actual	Actual	YTD	Budget
<b>10 Book Stall</b>	£	£	£	£
Sales	665	517	280	500
Cost of sales	(545)	(448)	(446)	(400)
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) Book Stall</b>	120	69	(166)	100
<b>11 Other Fundraising</b>	£	£	£	£
Income from badges, educational leaflets, etc.	188	178	8	260
Cost of badges, educational leaflets, etc.	(13)	(309)	0	0
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) other fundraising</b>	175	(131)	8	260
<b>12 Grant Expenditure</b>	£	£	£	£
Donation to Oxford Diocesan Guild Restoration Fund	750	1,000	1,000	1,000
Donation to Oxford Diocesan Bell Fund	750	1,000	1,000	1,000
Donation to Oxford Diocesan Bell Fund from peal fees	401	438	28	450
Donation to Oxford Diocesan Bell Fund from T&B cttee	22	100	95	270
Donation to ART Association of Ringing Teachers	500	500	500	700
Donation to Ringing World	250	250	200	250
Grants to young ringers for training (Bradfield Grant)	0	0	180	0
Other grants	0	133	0	0
<b>Total Grant Expenditure</b>	2,673	3,421	3,003	3,670
<b>13 Ringing support</b>	£	£	£	£
Library	0	189	0	200
Central Council Affiliation Fee	180	240	240	240
Ringing World - Notices Account	572	35	249	100
Tower Maintenance Award Scheme	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Ringing support</b>	752	464	489	540
<b>14 Ringing publications</b>	£	£	£	£
Printing	0	46	0	0
Guild Reports	1,643	1,703	1,759	1,800
Odd Bob	1,120	1,180	550	1,250
Website design/build	0	1,000	0	0
Server rental costs (higher in 2017 during transfer of server)	537	473	0	500
Publicity	621	0	0	100
<b>Total Ringing publications</b>	3,921	4,402	2,309	3,650
<b>15 Insurance</b>	£	£	£	£
Insurance - Personal accident	3,417	3,473	3,473	3,600
Insurance - Group indemnity	1,248	1,275	0	1,350
<b>Total Insurance</b>	4,665	4,748	3,473	4,950
<b>16 Professional fees</b>	£	£	£	£
Independent examining accountant	160	160	0	170

# OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS

Restoration Fund  
Registered Charity No 284053

## Fund Raising

The total funds raised so far this year comes to £1,893, which is slightly less than the equivalent period last year (£1,997). Six Branches have made contributions during the year to date, the same number as last year. The total of which is slightly more than the previous period. £868 against £810. Tower donations have been received totalling £25 and the Guild made a generous donation of £1,000.

The Restoration Fund is supporting the restoration project at Longworth. No donations have been received so far this year but a gift aid claim has been made. The funds received for this project is held in a restricted fund. The Taynton project, which had been supported in the same way, completed last year and the restricted fund closed.

The Managing Trustees are very grateful to all those that have made donations to the Fund and encourage donors to Gift Aid where possible. This will enable the Trustees to reclaim the tax to increase the value of the donation (by 25%) at no extra cost to the donor.

## Grants

There has been one grant request received during the year and the Trustees are delighted to have been able to support the request with a provisional grant. The details are below along with any provisional grants carried over from last year:

<b>Tower</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Status</b>	
Bray	£50	Complete	Clapper and Staple Repair
Broadwell	£1,200	O/S	Re-hang & Augmentation to 6
Little Horwood	£860	O/S	Re-hang & Augmentation to 6
Hanslope	£220	O/S	Re-hang & Frame Extension
Chinnor, St Andrew	£185	O/S	Replacement of Gudgeons
Longworth	£1,300	Lapsed	Re-hang & Augmentation to 6

The payment of a grant is dependent on receiving a report confirming the satisfactory completion of the work. Therefore, the Managing Trustees would like to express their thanks to the Towers and Belfry committee members who provide the reports following an inspection.

For reference, provisional grants are offered on the formula agreed in 1999 (a variable percentage of the approved augmentation costs depending upon the number of bells resulting from the work: for up to 6 bells – 15%, for 6 to 8 bells – 7.5% and for more than 8 bells – 5%).

## **Investments**

Investment income for the year has been low but on a similar level to previous years due to lower returns from the CCLA deposit account as interest rates remain very low.

The current investment policy is designed to maximise the income, with minimum risk, whilst ensuring funds are readily available to pay grants as required.

## **Grant Applications**

Grant application forms are available on the Guild Website or from the Treasurer and should be submitted to the Treasurer when completed.

Managing Trustees:  
William Butler, Barry Cowper, Derek Fowles  
Stuart Gibson (Treasurer)

# Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers Restoration Fund

Registered Charity No. 284053

	2019 £		2018 £
<b>General Fund Receipts &amp; Payments</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>			
Oxford Diocesan Guild	1,000.00		1,000.00
Donations	-		10.00
Tower Donations	25.00		177.00
Banbury Branch	100.00		100.00
Bicester Branch	150.00		150.00
Oxford City Branch	143.00		135.50
ONB Branch	150.00		100.00
South Oxon Branch	175.00		175.00
Witney & Woodstock Branch	150.00		150.00
Interest	-		0.12
Tax Refunded on Gift Aided Donations	-		-
		1,893.00	1,997.62
<b>Interest on Investments</b>			
CCLA	<u>88.57</u>	88.57	<u>89.97</u>
			89.97
<b>Total Receipts</b>		1,981.57	2,087.59
<b>Payments</b>			
Grants	<u>50.00</u>	50.00	<u>540.00</u>
			540.00
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>		<u>1,931.57</u>	<u>1,547.59</u>
<b>Longworth Fund Receipts &amp; Payments</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>			
Donations	-		25.00
Gift Aid	<u>18.78</u>		<u>12.50</u>
		18.78	37.50
<b>Payments</b>			
	<u>-</u>	0.00	<u>-</u>
			0.00
<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>		<u>18.78</u>	<u>37.50</u>

## Taynton Fund Receipts & Payments

### Receipts

Donations	-	-	
Gift Aid	-	<u>152.50</u>	
		0.00	152.50

### Payments

	-	<u>24,647.86</u>	
		0.00	24,647.86

### Excess of Receipts over Payments

	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(24,495.36)</u>
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## Balance Sheet

	2019 £		2018 £
<b>General Fund</b>			
Balance as at 1 January	12,749.99		11,175.74
Excess of Income over Expenditure	<u>1,931.57</u>		<u>1,445.59</u>
Balance as at 31st December		14,681.56	12,621.33
<b>Longworth Fund</b>			
Balance as at 1 January	14,566.79		14,479.29
Excess of Income over Expenditure	<u>18.78</u>		<u>37.50</u>
Balance as at 31st December		14,585.57	14,516.79
<b>Taynton Fund</b>			
Balance as at 1 January	-		24,495.36
Excess of Income over Expenditure	<u>-</u>		<u>(24,495.36)</u>
Balance as at 31st December		0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>		<u>29,267.13</u>	<u>27,138.12</u>

### Represented by

#### Assets & Liabilities

Lloyds Bank	13,407.22	11,393.44
CCLA	15,859.91	15,744.68
	<u>29,267.13</u>	<u>27,138.12</u>